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Subject: What an Outrage!

This has just been brought to my attention this morning. Fourth-degree assault!!! When will this inhumane treatment of women ever end?

How pathetic that Nicole and her baby are dead and the brutal attack upon her by her husband, yet! 10 days before the 2 deaths stand as nothing more than allegations! And, her abuser/attacker can simply continue to be some kind of "star". I can't even begin to imagine a woman being in such great physical condition as to be any kind of match against a hot-headed football player!

Some example the Colts are setting for young boys aspiring to be football players. Do they think their only fans are spouse abusers or what?

Perhaps the powers that be for the Colts are letting us know what kind of "men" they are behind closed doors?

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Dark moment

Shortly after the draft concluded, the (Indianapolis) Colts announced the signing of 14 undrafted rookie free agents. Colts President Bill Polian called success in the collegiate free agent process "terribly important" in today's NFL, and he's right -- consider the immense impact of undrafted rookie WR/return man Terrence Wilkins to the Colts last season.

One of these 14 players is Ibn Green, a 6-2, 220-pound pass-catching TE from Louisville. Green caught a school-record 33 TDs during his collegiate career (an NCAA record for a TE, along with his 215 career catches), earning him several All-America honors.

But Green also is coming off an arrest less than a month ago that should be a cause for major concern -- especially given the NFL's current stormy climate.

On March 23, Green was arrested by Louisville police and charged with fourth-degree assault and intimidating a witness after a dispute with his girlfriend.

According to reports, the woman says Green chased her into two separate rooms in her apartment, breaking several of her possessions and threatening to break down the doors. When the woman emerged from hiding, Green allegedly grabbed her by the throat and threw her against the bedroom door. After she called the police, Green smashed the phone and left -- only to return to be arrested soon after.

In the wake of the haunting Steve Muhammad abuse allegations, the claims of the late Nichole Muhammad were eerily similar to the ones in this case. You would think the Colts would have steered clear of Green.
