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KHALIL SHAKIR

BORN: February 3, 2000 | HT: 6-0 | WT: 190 | 4th year

COLLEGE: Boise State

ACQUIRED: Draft (2022, R5)

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KHALIL SHAKIR (pronounced kuh-LIL shah-KEER) signed a four-year contract extension to keep him in Buffalo through the 2029 season. Shakir was drafted by the Bills in the fifth round (148th overall) in 2022 after spending his collegiate career at Boise State (2018-21).

SHOUTOUTS

- Since 2023, leads all NFL WRs with a 79.3% catch rate (min. 30 receptions).
- In 2024, ranked second among all NFL WRs with 597 yards after the catch.
- Led the Bills with career highs in receptions (76) and receiving yards (821) in 2024. Also finished with a career-high 4 receiving TDs.
- Set an NFL WR record with 30 consecutive targets caught, surpassing Michael Thomas (27 in 2018).
- Finished the 2023 regular season with career highs in games played (17) and starts (10). Recorded 39 receptions for 611 receiving yards and 2 TDs.
- Recorded 3 receptions for 115 yards and a TD vs. NYJ (11/19/23). His 81-yard TD is a career-long and marked the third-longest TD reception in the NFL in 2023.
- Appeared in 14 games with 2 starts during his rookie season. Totaled 10 receptions for 161 yards and a TD.
- Hauled in his first career TD, a 24-yard reception vs. Pit. (10/9/22).
- Made his NFL debut vs. Ten. (9/19/22).

PERSONAL

Son of Ramona Tuamoheloa-Shakir and Attiyyah Shakir. He and his wife, Saylor, have two dogs: Penny and Missy. Attended Vista Murrieta High School in Murrieta, California.

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ADAPTING TO NEW ENVIRONMENTS

When wide receiver Khalil Shakir moves around the offense, he doesn't miss a step. The Bills' fifth-round pick in 2022, he's comfortable with change.

"I think I'm just able to adapt," Shakir said. "I'm a military baby, so I moved around a lot. To be able to adapt to different environments – and different people as well – was just embedded in my blood at a young age.

"I feel like that's just carried on me my whole life. So whenever I come out onto the field, it's the same thing."

Shakir's father, Master Gunnery Sgt. Attiyyah Shakir, served 24 years in the Marines. Khalil was born in Virginia, then the family moved to Hawaii. They went from Hawaii to Japan, and Japan to California. With most of the extended family on the East Coast, plenty of other trips were sprinkled in along the way.

Even in new situations, Shakir would jump in right away.

"He's always been a leader," his dad said. "He's never been afraid to (try) much."

Shakir sees a connection now between the big moves and his comfort level when he's thrown into different situations on the football field. It crystalized at Boise State, when someone else asked about his upbringing.

"That's when I realized people always say when I'm in a different spot, I look comfortable in the environment," Shakir said. "I think that just comes without even realizing how much I did move around." (**The Buffalo News, Katherine Fitzgerald, August 24, 2022**)

THE STAMPEDE

Favorite musician: Rod Wave

Favorite athlete growing up: Julio Jones

Unique talent: Bowling

Favorite TV Show: Snowfall