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## Raiders Sign DE Kony Ealy; Place S Reggie Nelson on IR

ALAMEDA, Calif. – The Oakland Raiders have signed free agent DE Kony Ealy, the club announced Wednesday.

A former second-round pick (60th overall) of the Carolina Panthers in the 2014 NFL Draft, Ealy now enters his second stint this season with the Raiders and fifth year in the league after making stops with the Panthers (2014-16) and New York Jets (2017). At 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds, the defensive end has appeared in 62 games over his career with the two clubs, making 19 starts and compiling 90 tackles (53 solo), 15 sacks, two interceptions, 14 passes defensed, six forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. In postseason action, Ealy has appeared in five contests and made one start, notching 11 stops (five), three sacks, one pass defensed, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

In a corresponding move, the Raiders have placed S Reggie Nelson on the Reserve/Injured List. Nelson signed as a free agent in 2016 and started all 32 games in his first two seasons with the club, appearing in a total of 43 contests. Over his 12-year career, he has appeared in 181 contests and made 164 starts, recorded 830 tackles (605 solo), 6.5 sacks, 38 interceptions with one returned for a touchdown, 93 passes defensed, 10 forced fumbles and seven fumble recoveries. His 38 interceptions lead all active players in the NFL.

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