

**Nov. 17, 2015**

**Statements on Suspension of Aldon Smith**

**NFL Statement**

Aldon Smith of the Oakland Raiders has been notified that he is now suspended without pay for a minimum of one year for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse. Under the terms of the policy, Smith will be eligible to apply for reinstatement no sooner than 60 days before the one-year anniversary of the suspension.

[Note: The NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse is posted on nflcommunications.com. After logging in, click on "About NFL" from the homepage and then "NFL Policies."]

**Raiders Statement**

Aldon has been a positive addition to the Raiders. He remains prominently in our long term plans and we will continue to support this member of our family as he gets the help that he needs.

**Aldon Smith Statement**

First, I want to thank the Raiders, my teammates, the fans, our coaches and our owner for supporting me throughout all of this.

I am taking this time to work on myself and become the man I need to be, my team and organization needs me to be, and I know I can be.

I had lost my love for the game and it led me to some poor choices, but I am thankful to the Raider organization for believing in me this season and will continue to better myself and grow from my experiences. I look forward to rejoining the team next year.