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## Raiders Sign CB Bene Benwikere; Place Calhoun on IR

ALAMEDA, Calif. – The Oakland Raiders have signed free agent CB Bene Benwikere, the club announced Wednesday.

A former fifth-round pick (148th overall) of the Carolina Panthers in the 2014 NFL Draft, Benwikere is now in his fifth season in the NFL, having made stops with the Dallas Cowboys (2017) and Arizona Cardinals (2018) after his first three seasons with the Panthers. Over his five-year career, the Fontana, Calif., native has appeared in 50 games and made 22 starts, recording 153 tackles (115 solo), 1.5 sacks, three interceptions, 25 passes defensed, three forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries.

Last season, the San Jose State alum appeared in 12 games with the Cowboys before signing with the Cardinals this past offseason. In 11 games this season, the 6-foot-, 195-cornerback compiled 49 tackles (37), one interception, four passes defensed and one forced fumble with the club.

In a corresponding move, the Raiders have placed LB Shilique Calhoun on the Reserve/Injured List. Originally a third-round (75th overall) selection by the club in the 2016 NFL Draft, Calhoun has appeared in 26 games over three seasons with the Silver and Black, totaling 23 stops (13) and 0.5 sacks. Calhoun appeared in seven games this season and recorded 12 tackles (six).

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