

B.C. Lion cleared of wrongdoing

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B.C. Lion Ray Jacobs was cleared of any criminal wrongdoing yesterday after federal Crown counsel decided not to pursue drug charges against the all-star defensive end.

Jacobs, 31, said he was pleased with the Crown's decision and vowed to rejoin the Leos.

"I am innocent of any criminal wrongdoing," Jacobs said. "I made the mistake of being

with the wrong people at the wrong time but was very happy



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this incident has caused to my team."

to learn that the Crown has decided not to proceed with any charges against me.

"I am truly sorry for any embarrassment or distraction that

He said he hopes to meet with Lions coach Wally Buono in the next few days "to discuss this matter and hopefully get back to playing football."

"I'm happy that he didn't get charged," Buono said from the Lions training camp in Kamloops.

Jacobs was arrested May 5 outside a Surrey home not far from the club's training facility. The RCMP alleged cocaine was found in his car and he was with prostitutes. But Jacobs' lawyer, Michael Shapray, said his client was innocent of all the allegations. "It was erroneously reported that he was nabbed with cocaine and arrested in a crack house and those things were not true or substantiated," Shapray said.

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