

Freddie Edwards Convicted Of Murder

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The father of former Appalachian State quarterback and current Carolina Panthers wide receiver Armanti Edwards has been convicted of murder in South Carolina.

According to prosecutors, Freddie Edwards, who is 63-years-old and a native of Greenwood, SC., was sentenced on Thursday to 30 years in prison after being convicted of murder in the shooting death of a man during a poker game. He also was convicted of possession of a gun during a violent crime.

George Freeman was shot to death in Edwards' home in July 2005. Edwards had been convicted in 2006, but that conviction was overturned because jurors were not given the option of finding Edwards guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

Armanti Edwards, who led ASU to a pair of national championships in 2006 and 2007, was selected by the Carolina Panthers in the third round (89th pick) in the NFL draft in 2010.

Edwards holds numerous records at ASU and in the Southern Conference

Edwards also became the first player in NCAA Division I history - FCS or FBS - to pass for more than 10,000 yards and rush for more than 4,000 yards in a career (14,753 yards of total offense ranks second in NCAA Division I FCS history, topped by the 16,823 yards set by the late Steve McNair of Alcorn State from 1991-94). Edwards is the only two-time winner of the Walter Payton Award, which goes to the top player in the nation in the Football Championship Sub-Division Series.