

Michael Vick in Jail Early for Dogfighting

Disgraced former quarterback surrenders three weeks before formal sentencing on dogfighting charge.

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Michael Vick surrendered to federal marshals on Monday, three weeks before he was to be sentenced for up to five years in prison for his role in a bloody dogfighting ring.

An expert told ABC News that it's unclear whether Vick's move will earn him a lighter sentence.

"It's kind of like reading tea leaves knowing what's the exact impact on the judge," said Ronald Bacigal, a University of Richmond law professor who specializes in criminal law and criminal procedure.

Vick's lawyer said the early incarceration was "another step" in Vick's public repentance. "From the beginning, Mr. Vick has accepted responsibility for his actions, and his self-surrender further demonstrates that acceptance," attorney Billy Martin said in a statement. "Michael wants to again apologize to everyone who has been hurt in this matter, and he thanks all of the people who have offered him and his family prayers and support during this time."

The disgraced former Atlanta Falcons quarterback pleaded guilty in August to a federal dogfighting conspiracy charge, and has been suspended indefinitely without pay by the NFL.

For more information on the charges brought against Michael Vick, [click here](#).