

New York Knicks legend Charles Oakley to file civil suit

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In the wake of the infamous incident at Madison Square Garden, New York Knicks legend Charles Oakley plans to file a civil suit.

One of the ugliest moments in franchise history occurred during the 2016-17 NBA regular season. New York Knicks legend Charles Oakley was forcibly removed from Madison Square Garden and subsequently arrested for the stunning and disheartening incident.

Oakley accepted a deal to have the charges dismissed, but it doesn't appear as though he's ready to put the incident behind him.

Knicks fans and players around the NBA spoke in all but unanimous support of the 19-year veteran. The legal issues carried into August, when the charges were finally dropped and the incident was legally resolved—temporarily.

According to [Adrian Wojnarowski and Ian Begley of ESPN](#), Oakley is expected to file a civil suit in response to the incident in February.

Former New York Knicks great Charles Oakley is preparing to file a civil suit in response to a February run-in with security at Madison Square Garden and the incident's aftermath, sources familiar with the matter told ESPN.

Most around the NBA believe that Oakley was disrespected, and he appears intent on achieving a measure of justice.

Oakley spent the first three years of his career as a teammate to Michael Jordan with the Chicago Bulls. He was traded to the Knicks after the 1988 season, however, and remained with the organization for the next 10 seasons.

Between 1988 and 1998, Oakley helped restore the Knicks to relevance by playing a defining role in the creation of the iconic defensive-minded culture.

The result was a glorious period for New York, which included appearances in the 1994 NBA Finals and the 1993 Eastern Conference Finals.

Individually, Oakley made an All-Star Game appearance and was selected to an All-Defensive Team in two different seasons. Beyond the accolades, he was the enforcer for a Knicks team that struck fear in the hearts of the rest of the NBA.

19 years removed from his last season with the Knicks, Oakley is looking to secure a different type of victory, this time against the organization.

One can only hope that Charles Oakley and the New York Knicks are able to resolve this issue and thus get back to honoring the legends of yesteryear.