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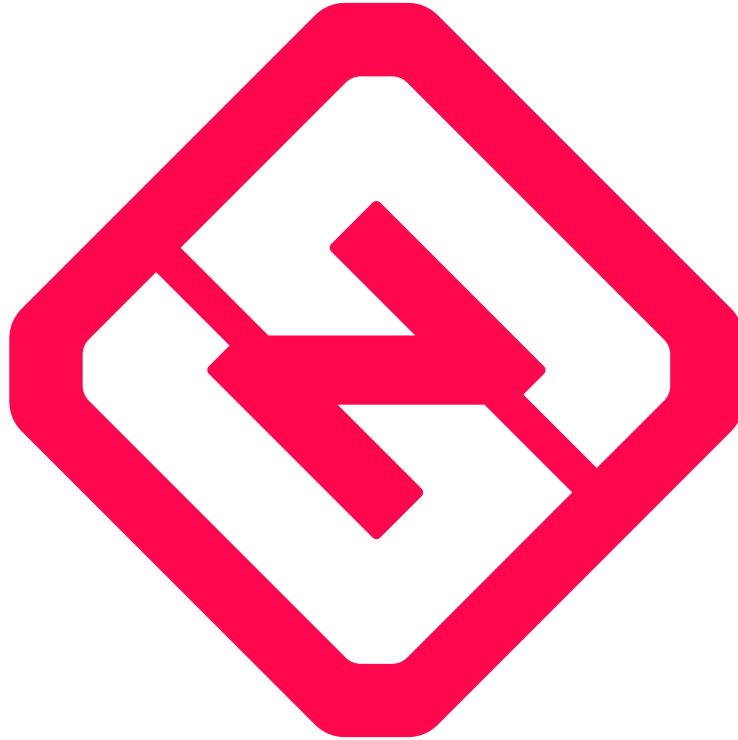


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April 21, 2017 2:26pm EDT April 21, 2017 2:26pm EDT American Football, English, Aaron Hernandez, NFL, New England Patriots Bottom line: Odin Lloyd's family wants a chance to intercede should any money from the Patriots be turned over to Aaron Hernandez's estate.



Patriots helmet at Super Bowl 51 (Getty Images)

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An attorney for the family of Odin Lloyd, the man Aaron Hernandez shot to death, issued "a very friendly challenge" Friday to the Patriots that they pay \$6 million to the late former New England tight end's estate, so the money could be available for the Lloyd family.

[According to The Boston Globe](#), attorney Douglas K. Sheff said at a news conference in Boston the Pats can become "champions of justice" by making the payment since Hernandez was ruled legally responsible for Lloyd's shooting death in 2013.

The only issue outstanding in the wrongful death lawsuit brought by the Lloyd family, Sheff said, is how much the family will recover from the Hernandez's estate in the wake of his suicide earlier this week. Hernandez was serving life without parole for murdering Lloyd.

From the Globe:

"Under a quirk of Massachusetts law, because Hernandez's case had not yet been reviewed on appeal, his conviction in the Lloyd case could be vacated.

"Questions have been raised about whether, because of that, his estate is entitled to recover any or all of \$5.91 million that was previously guaranteed in his contract but the Patriots withheld after his arrest.

"The Globe's Ben Volin reports, however, that the Patriots probably are not going to have to pay the \$5.9 million.

"I want to issue a very friendly challenge to the New England Patriots, the best team, the best team in the NFL. Nothing like them. Nothing like them," Sheff said Friday with Lloyd's mother, Ursula Ward, at his side.

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Sheff said that if the Patriots paid the money, they could become something more than Super Bowl champions, they could become "champions of justice."

Bottom line: The Lloyd family wants a chance to intercede should any money from the team be turned over to Hernandez's estate, Sheff said.

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