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## **EX-DALLAS COWBOY APOLOGIZES TO FANS, FAMILY FOR INCIDENT WITH IRVIN**

**Roberts says he's surprised he wasn't indicted, too**

IRVING – One day after his famous friend and business partner, Michael Irvin, was indicted on drug possession charges, former Dallas Cowboys tight end Alfredo Roberts apologized Tuesday to family, friends and fans.

Still bound by a judge's gag order, he declined to discuss specifics of the charges against Mr. Irvin and two women, stemming from a March 4 incident at an Irving hotel. Mr. Roberts, who was with the three in the hotel room, expressed relief and some surprise that he was not indicted, too.

If anything, he said, he was guilty of "poor judgment" for being in Room 624 of the Residence Inn by Marriott when police arrived.

On Tuesday, Mr. Roberts again insisted that he did not testify against his friend to avoid prosecution. His attorney, **Don Tittle**, added that he would be surprised if prosecutors called Mr. Roberts as a witness against Mr. Irvin if his case goes to trial.

"I suspected that I would've been (indicted), but for whatever reason it didn't happen," Mr. Roberts said. Mr. Roberts would not answer questions about why he and Mr. Irvin, two married men, were in the hotel room with two young women who call themselves self-employed models but who have been identified by a club manager as topless dancers and by a manager of the hotel as prostitutes. "I can't make any comment on that," Mr. Roberts said. "I'm just fortunate that I have my family to stand behind me."

A Dallas County grand jury Monday indicted Mr. Irvin on a felony cocaine possession charge that carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison. He also faces a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge with a penalty of up to 180 days in jail. Because he has no prior felony record, Mr. Irvin would be eligible for probation if convicted. No court date has been set.

Indicted on similar charges were Angela Renee Beck, 22, and Jasmine Jennifer Nabwangu, 21, who were with Mr. Irvin and Mr. Roberts in the hotel room when Irving police responded to a hotel manager's complaint about a loud party.

Police said they found about 3 ounces of marijuana and 2 ounces of cocaine, along with drug paraphernalia. Ms. Beck told officers that all of the illegal items belong to her, and she was the only person arrested at the time. Mr. Irvin, Mr. Roberts and Ms. Nabwangu were initially listed as witnesses.

After four days of hearings over more than a week, the grand jury determined that it had heard enough evidence to charge all except Mr. Roberts with drug possession.

Mr. Roberts held his Tuesday news conference at the Cowboys Sports Cafe, a Valley Ranch restaurant and sports bar of which he is a part owner. Also, Mr. Roberts is a partner with Mr. Irvin in the Masterpeace Ragz apparel company.

Mr. Roberts also declined to comment on a report in Tuesday's Dallas Morning News that several Cowboys players had failed drug tests last spring. Mr. Roberts said he has not played with the team since 1992. Mr. Roberts added that he did not know of any Cowboys players who used drugs.

He closed the news conference by again thanking his family and attorneys and by wishing his friend well in his legal difficulties. "I'm praying and hoping that Michael comes out on top – like he always does," Mr. Roberts said.

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