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(Neb.)-Johnny Rodgers granted hearing

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Board of Pardons has granted a hearing to consider a full pardon for Nebraska football great Johnny Rodgers.

Rodgers is seeking a full pardon for a 1970 gas station robbery. The 62-year-old Heisman Trophy winner says the crime has been hanging over him since his 1971 conviction. He was given two years of probation.

Rodgers did not appear before the Pardons Board on Tuesday. The board, made up of Gov. Dave Heineman, Attorney General Jon Bruning and Secretary of State John Gale, set Rodgers' hearing for Nov. 14, when Rodgers will make his case.

Rodgers' pardon application came with letters of support from former Nebraska football coach and athletic director Tom Osborne and former Omaha mayor and congressman Hal Daub.