

= Terrence Cody =

Terrence Bernard Cody , Jr . (born June 28 , 1988) is a former American football defensive tackle . He played college football for the University of Alabama . He was selected by the Baltimore Ravens in the second round of the 2010 NFL Draft .

A native of Florida , Cody spent two seasons at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College , where he helped the Bulldogs to an unbeaten season in 2007 . Surprisingly nimble even at a peak weight of more than 400 pounds (180 kg) , Cody drew the attention of major Division I programs . He finished his collegiate career at Alabama , where he earned consensus All @-@ American honors twice while anchoring one of college football 's best defenses during the 2008 and 2009 seasons . During his senior season with the Alabama Crimson Tide in 2009 , he helped lead the Tide to an undefeated 14 ? 0 season including a victory in the 2010 BCS National Championship Game .

= = Early years = =

Cody was born in Fort Myers , Florida on June 28 , 1988 . As a child , he wore size @-@ 10 shoes by the age of eight and was never eligible for the Pop Warner youth leagues because he was always over the weight limit . He attended Riverdale High School in Fort Myers . Already 6 ft 2 in (1 @.@ 88 m) and 275 lb (125 kg) as a ninth @-@ grader , Cody began playing high school football and displayed a high degree of athleticism , causing his high school coach , Scott Jones , to predict " he could be making \$ 2 million playing in the NFL " at some point . He played only two years of varsity football : as a freshman and then as a senior . He struggled academically , had to help take care of his seven younger siblings , and ended up ? running with the wrong crowd ? .

After sitting out his sophomore and junior seasons , Cody dominated as a senior . In a game against North Fort Myers , he had a memorable collision with star running back Noel Devine . ? Terrence hit and spun Noel Devine so hard that [Devine] was on the sideline puking , ? coach Jones said .

He also participated in track and field , competing in the throwing events . He got top @-@ throws of 14 @.@ 63 meters in the shot put and 46 @.@ 32 meters in the discus throw .

Cody was not ranked among the nation 's elite football prospects in 2006 by any recruiting service . Nonetheless he was offered athletic scholarships by the University of Miami and the University of South Florida , but could not qualify academically . Cody eventually signed with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College .

= = College career = =

= = = Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College = = =

Cody played two seasons at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston , Mississippi as a defensive tackle . As a freshman he recorded 48 tackles with 2 @.@ 5 sacks and an interception . In his sophomore year , he added 31 tackles and 3 @.@ 5 sacks while anchoring a Bulldog defense that ranked number one in the state in rushing defense and total defense . Mississippi Gulf Coast finished the season with a 12 ? 0 season record and a NJCAA Co @-@ National Championship . Cody was named to the NJCAA All @-@ American first team .

Despite his dominance , he had trouble drawing scholarship offers , as his weight of 410 pounds (190 kg) scared off many teams . ? A lot of people are just wary of guys that big , ? Mississippi Gulf Coast coach Steve Campbell said . ? You know when people say that if things seem too good to be true that they usually are . A big guy like that who 's that athletic , you just don 't believe what you 're seeing . ? Particularly noted for his lower body strength , Cody had a squat max of 660 pounds (300 kg) in junior college .

However , after Cody had his weight down to 385 lb (175 kg) , a number of schools offered him scholarships , including Tennessee , Ole Miss , and Florida State . He was heavily recruited

particularly by Alabama Crimson Tide head coach Nick Saban , who was in need of a true nose tackle for his 3 ? 4 defense . Cody recalls Saban telling him , " We need a body like yours in the middle , to stop the run , to change the rhythm of the game . "

Considered a three @-@ star recruit by 247Sports.com , Cody was listed as the No. 39 junior college prospect in 2008 .

Cody committed to the Crimson Tide on November 29 , 2007 .

= = = University of Alabama = = =

= = = 2008 season = = =

Cody made an immediate impact for the Crimson Tide defensive line , recording four tackles ? one for loss ? in a 34 ? 10 rout of the Clemson Tigers . He and the rest of the defense also held the Tigers , which included running backs James Davis and C. J. Spiller , to zero net rushing yards . With his presence in the middle of the Crimson Tide defensive line , Cody earned himself the nickname of ? Mount Cody . ? By mid @-@ season he was already considered the No. 1 nose tackle prospect for the 2009 NFL Draft by league scouts .

Against Arkansas , Cody dominated Razorbacks center Jonathan Luigs ? the 2007 Rimington Trophy winner ? and helped the Crimson Tide to a 49 ? 14 win . In a memorable play on a fourth @-@ and @-@ goal from the 1 @-@ yard line late in the first half , Cody blasted past Luigs and left guard Wade Grayson to grab running back Michael Smith before he could reach the end zone . In Alabama 's rout over Georgia at Sanford Stadium , Cody was instrumental in holding Doak Walker award candidate Knowshon Moreno to just 34 yards rushing . In the seventh game of the season against Ole Miss , he received a knee injury during the third quarter which sidelined him for two weeks .

In the annual Iron Bowl versus rival Auburn , Cody and teammate Bobby Greenwood sacked quarterback Kodi Burns , giving Cody his first half @-@ sack of the season . He also recovered a fumble , which set up an Alabama touchdown . In the 2008 SEC Championship Game versus Florida , Cody recorded three tackles in a 31 ? 20 loss . In the loss , the Crimson Tide allowed 142 yards rushing ? the second most in the 2008 season . In the season finale , he recorded one assisted tackle , while holding the Utah Utes to 13 yards rushing . However , Alabama went on to lose the game 31 ? 17 , finishing the season 12 ? 2 .

Alabama ? s rush defense considerably improved in 2008 . After giving up 128 @.@ 4 rushing yards a game in 2007 , the Crimson Tide only allowed 78 @.@ 8 yards per game in 2008 . ? As far as one guy who has changed our team more than any , you ? d have to go with Terrence , ? offensive lineman Mike Johnson said . Cody was subsequently given the team ? s Defensive Achievement Award for a newcomer who has played a critical role in the effectiveness of his unit .

Despite being commonly regarded as a top prospect , Cody decided to pass on from the 2009 NFL Draft . On Christmas Day of 2008 , an " announcement " on his Facebook page said that he was leaving early , but turned out to be a joke by his girlfriend .

= = = 2009 season = = =

Prior to the 2009 season Cody dropped about 10 pounds and worked on his conditioning , hoping to keep himself in the game on third @-@ down passing situations . He was often replaced by Josh Chapman on passing downs in 2008 . Nick Saban stated Cody needed to reduce his weight to 340 pounds (150 kg) in order to become an every @-@ down player and pass @-@ rusher ; he reported for fall practice at 354 pounds (161 kg) , set a goal to reach 345 pounds (156 kg) by the season opener , and eventually dropped his weight to 349 pounds (158 kg) . Only a couple of days before the first game , Cody and a few of his teammates were sidelined with flu @-@ like symptoms . Cody returned after a three @-@ day absence .

Cody was named to the 2009 Lombardi Award , Lott Trophy , and Outland Trophy pre @-@ season

watch lists . Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 1 defensive tackle in college football in 2009 . On October 14 , 2009 , Cody and teammate Rolando McClain were announced as two of the twelve finalists for the 2009 Lombardi Award . Cody was also named to The Sporting News and CBS Sports midseason college football All @-@ American teams .

In a game against Tennessee on October 24 , Cody blocked his first two field goals of his career , including a 44 @-@ yard attempt in the game 's final seconds , to secure Alabama 's 12 ? 10 win . According to Yahoo ! Sports ' national columnist Dan Wetzel , Cody earned himself Heisman Trophy consideration with his performance against the Volunteers . A couple of weeks later , Mike Hiserman of the Los Angeles Times also called for Heisman consideration for Cody , describing him as " the best player on what might be college football 's top defense . "

On November 10 , Cody was named one of four finalists for the Lombardi Award , alongside Jerry Hughes , Gerald McCoy , and Ndamukong Suh . He was the seventh Crimson Tide player to be named a finalist and the second in a row , joining offensive tackle Andre Smith , who was a finalist for the award in 2008 . Former All @-@ American linebacker Cornelius Bennett was the only Alabama player to win the Lombardi Award , capturing the honor in 1986 . In the end , Nebraska 's Ndamukong Suh won the award . On November 19 , Cody joined Pat Angerer , Eric Berry , Jerry Hughes , and Ndamukong Suh as the five finalists for the 2009 Nagurski Trophy , but was again beat out by Suh for the award . On November 23 , Cody , Brandon Spikes and Suh were announced as the three finalists for the 2009 Bednarik Award , which was eventually won by Suh as well .

In his two seasons at Alabama , Cody helped the Crimson Tide to lead the Southeastern Conference in rushing defense , allowing opponents a rushing average of only 78 @.@ 8 and 78 @.@ 1 yards per game in 2008 and 2009 , respectively . No individual player reached the 100 @-@ yard rushing mark against the Crimson Tide in those two seasons ; Anthony Dixon of Mississippi State came closest with 81 yards in 2009 . Cody 's presence improved Alabama 's pass rush despite his not being an effective pass rusher himself . Wrote Michael Casagrande : " The power that comes with his size typically forces opposing lines to focus two players on blocking him , thus creating favorable rushing lanes for unblocked linebackers . "

Prior to the 2009 BCS National Championship Game , Cody drew awestruck praise from Texas players and coaches . " They call him Mount Cody . Mount Cody is for a reason . He plays like he ? s 450 pounds . He can move like he ? s Sergio Kindle , " said Longhorns guard Charlie Tanner . Alabama 's defense held Texas to 81 yards rushing ? more than 70 yards below their season average ? on 28 attempts , and helped the Crimson Tide to their first national title since 1992 .

Along with Crimson Tide teammates Javier Arenas , Mike Johnson , Leigh Tiffin , and Colin Peek , Cody participated in the 2010 Senior Bowl on January 30 , 2010 . In the Senior Bowl weigh @-@ in at the Mobile Convention Center , Cody tipped the scales at 370 pounds , which hurt his draft status according to NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock .

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= = = 2010 NFL Draft = = =

Frequently drawing comparisons to Ted Washington and Shaun Rogers , Cody was considered one of the rare two @-@ gap defensive tackles that NFL teams covet for their 3 ? 4 type defenses . Many NFL experts therefore projected Cody to be selected in the first @-@ round of the 2010 NFL Draft . One of the teams interested in Cody was rumored to be his near @-@ hometown Miami Dolphins , who lost their veteran defensive tackle Jason Ferguson to injury during the 2009 season .

Some pro scouts , however , were concerned about Cody 's weight and said he needed to reduce it to 340 pounds (154 kg) in order to be an effective NFL player . They questioned whether he had the stamina to be a three @-@ down player , or the quickness to be an effective pass rusher , at his college weight of about 360 pounds (163 kg) . ESPN 's K. C. Joyner analyzed Cody 's relative playing time in a four @-@ game SEC stretch in October 2009 (at Kentucky , at Mississippi , vs. South Carolina , vs. Tennessee) , and found that Cody was in the Alabama defensive lineup on only 122 of 281 plays . Joyner also discovered that during that stretch Cody drew an impressively high amount of double @-@ teams : 63 @. @ 6 percent , compared to NFL player Albert Haynesworth 's 2007 double @-@ team mark of 51 @. @ 3 percent .

At the 2010 Senior Bowl , Cody disappointed a lot of NFL scouts when he weighed in at 370 pounds (168 kg) , 16 pounds (7 kg) above his official weight according to the 2009 Alabama media guide . In the game , however , Cody " moved pretty well for a 370 @-@ pound behemoth " and used " his hands well to create a little space to get penetration " . He finished with 1 @. @ 5 tackles for loss . Cody worked out at API in Pensacola , Florida , along with Sam Bradford , Jason Worilds , and former Alabama teammates Mike Johnson and Roy Upchurch . He made pre @-@ draft visits to the Baltimore Ravens , the New York Jets , the San Diego Chargers , and the Kansas City Chiefs .

At the NFL Combine , Cody weighed in at 354 pounds (161 kg) , making him the heaviest combine participant since Aaron Gibson in 1999 . He had managed to shed some weight since the Senior Bowl , but according to Mike Mayock he was still not worthy of a first @-@ round pick . Cody ran a 5 @. @ 62 sec 40 @-@ yard dash , the slowest by an eventually drafted defensive tackle since Corey Swinson , a seventh round pick in the 1995 NFL Draft . Cody was selected in the 2nd round (57th overall) by the Baltimore Ravens . He was the highest picked Alabama Crimson Tide defensive tackle since Cornelius Griffin was drafted 42nd overall by the New York Giants in the 2000 NFL Draft .

= = = Baltimore Ravens = = =

At Baltimore , Cody was projected to strengthen a Ravens defense that allowed the fewest rushing yards per carry (3 @. @ 4) of any NFL team in 2009 and had a streak of 39 consecutive games without allowing a 100 @-@ yard rusher ? broken when Cincinnati 's Cedric Benson rushed for 120 yards on October 11 , 2009 . Regarded by Ravens director of player personnel Eric DeCosta as a first @-@ round prospect " from an ability standpoint , " Cody competed against Kelly Gregg for the starting defensive tackle spot in 2010 . The combination of Cody and 345 @-@ pound defensive tackle Haloti Ngata gave Baltimore the AFC North 's heaviest interior line , reminiscent of the Sam Adams and Tony Siragusa tandem on the 2000 ? 2001 Ravens teams .

Cody signed a four @-@ year , \$ 3 @. @ 385 million maximum value contract with the Ravens on July 26 , 2010 . In training camp at McDaniel College , Cody ? along with veteran cornerback Walt Harris ? failed their conditioning test for the Ravens , and were thus placed on the physically unable to perform (PUP) list . He eventually passed the conditioning test on his third try , allowing him to go to training camp for the Ravens .

In his professional debut , a preseason game against the Carolina Panthers , Cody had a solid performance , finishing with five tackles (four solo) . His most impressive play came in the first half , when he tackled DeAngelo Williams single @-@ armed for a loss while holding off Panthers center Ryan Kalil with the other . On November 21 , he made his first official start , debuting against the Carolina Panthers at Bank of America Stadium . Unlike his preseason performance , he was criticized for his poor performance from fans and head coach John Harbaugh . During a play , the Panthers offensive lineman pushed Cody out of the way , allowing Mike Goodson to have a 45 @-@ yard run . Cody finished the game without any tackles , as the Ravens defense allowed 120 rushing yards . As a rookie in 2010 , Cody played 13 games with 13 tackles .

Later in the 2010 season , and especially in the playoffs , he stepped up his play though . So much so , in fact , that in the 2011 off @-@ season , the team parted ways with their long @-@ time

starting defensive tackle Kelly Gregg . Cody spent the entire 2011 season as a full @-@ time starter , registering 34 tackles and helping lead the Ravens defense to be ranked 2nd in the league against the run , ranked 3rd overall . In 2011 , Cody eventually started all 16 games as the 3 @-@ 4 type defensive tackle and finished the year with 39 tackles and 1 pass defended .

With the acquiring of Ma 'ake Kemoeatu in the off @-@ season , Cody 's playing time was limited after a rough preseason and the Ravens using a 3 @-@ 4 type defense . In 15 games (3 starts) of 2012 , Cody made 25 tackles with 3 passes defended . With the Ravens clinching an AFC North title on a 10 @-@ 6 record , the team eventually won Super Bowl XLVII against the San Francisco 49ers , giving Cody his first NFL championship title .

Despite Kemoeatu being released following the Super Bowl victory , Haloti Ngata took over as the starting defensive tackle , again limiting Cody 's playing time . In 2013 , Cody appeared in 12 games with 1 start making 15 tackles .

On April 4 , 2014 , Cody was re @-@ signed by the Ravens . He only appeared in 1 game of 2014 and did not record a single stat that year .

On January 23 , 2015 , the Ravens announced they had released Cody .

= = = NFL stats = = =

Key

GP : games played

COMB : combined tackles

TOTAL : total tackles

AST : assisted tackles

SACK : sacks

FF : forced fumbles

FR : fumble recoveries

FR YDS : fumble return yards

INT : interceptions

IR YDS : interception return yards

AVG IR : average interception return

LNG : longest interception return

TD : interceptions returned for touchdown

PD : passes defended

= = Legal troubles = =

= = = Animal cruelty = = =

On February 2 , 2015 , Cody was indicted on animal cruelty and drug charges by a Baltimore County grand jury . The indictment included 15 charges : Two counts of aggravated animal cruelty involving a dog , five counts of animal abuse or neglect involving the same dog , one count of illegal possession of an alligator , five counts of animal abuse or neglect involving the alligator , one count of possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia , and one count of possession of marijuana . Cody 's agent , Peter Schaffer , denied his client 's guilt and said that Cody 's dog died of worms and that there was no animal cruelty . The investigating veterinarian said the dog was neglected and starved to death .

On November 16 , 2015 , Cody was found not guilty of two felony counts of aggravated animal cruelty but he was convicted of five other counts related to failing to provide care for his dog , Taz . He was also found guilty of illegally possessing an alligator and of neglecting the alligator , and also two misdemeanor drug charges related to marijuana and paraphernalia that police found in his former home . The alligator was confiscated , and relocated to a sanctuary . Prosecuting state attorney Adam Lippe alleged Taz suffered more than four weeks of starvation in a cage in Cody 's

garage .

On January 4 , 2016 , Cody 's sentencing was delayed because a psychological evaluation of Cody was being completed at the time .

On March 24 , 2016 , Cody was sentenced to nine months in jail for his role in the dog 's starvation death and neglecting the illegal alligator . His girlfriend was acquitted of the aggravated animal cruelty , drug and alligator charges but found guilty of five counts in connection with neglecting Taz .

= = Personal = =

By his own description of his early family life , Cody grew up poor . His mother worked two jobs , as a traveling nurse and a bus driver , to care for him and his seven younger siblings . His parents were not married , but his father , a construction worker , was a big part of his life until he died in a car accident when Cody was 11 . At the end of his junior year of high school , Cody moved in with the family of a high school teammate .

In his two years at Alabama , Cody became the Tide 's most popular player because of his outsized personality and body . Says quarterback Greg McElroy : " He 's an enjoyable person to have on our team , have in the locker room , and (he) has great charisma . He has fun when he plays the game , and that 's a big reason why he 's so popular . "