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BROCK MARION RESOLVES INSURANCE-FRAUD CHARGE

Former Miami Dolphin safety-turned-blueberry-farm-owner Brock Marion pleaded no contest Wednesday to insurance fraud, and he will not do jail time. The state portrayed Marion, 35, as unwitting stooge in a car-theft scheme. An acquaintance encouraged Marion to turn over his \$54,000 Chevy van, then file a false insurance claim. The van fell into the hands of a New York chop shop.

Marion got four years' probation, with adjudication withheld, which means he's not a convicted felon. He had faced up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. "He wanted to put this behind him," said Marion's Miami attorney, Ed O'Donnell.

Marion turned himself in to police in May 2004, after signing with the Detroit Lions. He told Plantation police he left the vehicle with a friend, went to the Pro Bowl and discovered it missing when he returned.

Marion must pay State Farm insurance \$54,274 in restitution and repay \$5,271 for court costs. Moreover, he has pledged \$10,000 for the American Red Cross, earmarked for victims of hurricane Katrina. Now retired, Marion lives in Ocala, where he owns a blueberry farm, O'Donnell said.