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Northern Iowa's football team will be short three reserves for the opener against Iowa as a result of recent arrests, coach Mark Farley said Tuesday.

Farley said he has suspended backup quarterback Zach Davis for the game as a result of his arrest last weekend on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

In addition, two offensive linemen — Evan Tecklenburg and Misha Danilov — have been benched for the game as a result of being charged in July with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Farley said Tecklenburg, a sophomore who played in 13 games last season as a reserve guard, and Danilov, a redshirt freshman, were suspended from the team immediately after their arrest and for the Sept. 5 opener against Iowa. The two players are practicing with the team, Farley said.

Farley also said that Tecklenburg, 20, of Muscatine lost his football scholarship because the arrest was his second as a member of the team.

"They acknowledged what they had done to me after it happened, and we took steps under our school policy," Farley said.

The two linemen, who could not be reached for comment, were arrested at around 1:45 a.m. July 17 after an off-duty officer from the Black Hawk County Sheriff's office investigated loud noises at their apartment.

Police records indicate the off-duty officer, who was in uniform as he performed security duty at the apartment complex, also issued four tickets to people for underage possession of alcohol after finding beer cans and marijuana in the apartment. None of the other four people charged that night is listed on the 2009 Northern Iowa football team roster.

In addition, Danilov, 18, of Middleton, Wis., is charged with possession of marijuana. If convicted, Danilov could receive a six-month jail term and \$1,000 fine on the marijuana charge and up to 30 days and a \$100 fine on the possession of paraphernalia charge.

Tecklenburg, who is charged only with possession of drug paraphernalia, was suspended from the team last year after being arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. At the time, he was one of 18 Panther athletes to be suspended for problems involving police within a two-month period.

Tecklenburg received a deferred judgment on the charge, but online court records indicate he received a year of probation as part of the plea agreement reached in February.

Details of Davis' arrest could not be immediately obtained, but courts online list the charge as a first-time offense. Davis, 20, of Washington started three games last season and played in seven games, completing 61 percent of his passes for 504 yards and three touchdowns.