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**(Neb.)-Johnny Rodgers seeks pardon for 1970 robbery**



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska football great Johnny Rodgers has a date with the Nebraska Pardons Board.

Rodger's request for a full pardon for a 1970 gas station robbery is on the board's Oct. 8 agenda. It is listed under "favorable applications for full pardon hearings."

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.

He talked about seeking a pardon in 2007, when he launched an ill-fated sports bar and grill venture.