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against all three men. The first-degree felony charges could have resulted in a prison term of five to 99 years and a \$10,000 fine.

Brandon Collins' attorney, Todd Ward, said Collins was taking 12 hours of online classes through Texas this spring.

"He looks forward to succeeding in the classroom and on the football field," Ward said. "I'm positive he'll succeed wherever he goes."

A Texas spokesman said Thursday that Longhorns coach Mack Brown was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Collins, a graduate of Brenham High School, caught 35

passes for 430 yards and three touchdowns as a sophomore in 2008. He was academically ineligible to play last season.

The Longhorns were in California preparing for the BCS title game against Alabama when Collins was arrested, and his dismissal from the team was announced by Brown.

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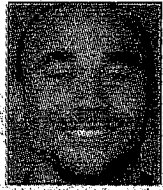
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## Robbery case dropped against ex-Horn Collins

### Wide receiver, two others not indicted on criminal charges

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Brandon Collins

Two felony charges against former Texas wide receiver Brandon Collins, which led to his dismissal from the team in January, were dropped Thursday.

Collins and two other men, including former Longhorns track athlete Ashton Collins (no relation), were charged with aggravated robbery and engaging in organized criminal activity after being accused of robbing a man at gunpoint at a McDonald's restaurant in Pflugerville on Jan. 2.

A Travis County grand jury declined to indict Brandon Collins, Ashton Collins and Marcus Carruth on the aggravated robbery charges, a district court official said, while the district attorney's office dismissed the charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

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