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## Ohio State admits NCAA violations

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State admitted Monday that coach Randy Ayers and a former assistant coach broke NCAA rules in recruiting and signing basketball star Damon Flint. But the university still plans to appeal.

"We are embarrassed that this kind of incident would happen here," said Jim Jones, Ohio State' athletic director.

Flint, a 6-foot-5 swingman from Cincinnati Woodward High School, signed a letter of intent with the Buckeyes in November. The NCAA ruled he was ineligible to attend Ohio State, and he reportedly is considering Louisville, Cincinnati, Nevada-Las Vegas, Arkansas and Kentucky.

Jones said Ohio State was appealing because a number of the violations are "unfair charges." The NCAA has not said whether Ohio State will be penalized further.

Jones said former Ohio State assistant coach Paul Brazeau, now the head coach at Hartford, gave money to Flint's high school coach, Jim Leon, to pay for a meal. Jones also said Brazeau gave four nylon training bags to Flint and his teammates.

In all, the NCAA found Ohio State committed 17 violations. Six stemmed from an Oct. 30, 1991, meeting between Flint, then a junior, and Ohio State coaches.

