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HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — As soon as he walked into the Penn State locker room, Mike McQueary heard running water and rhythmic, slapping sounds of "skin on skin."

He looked in a mirror and saw a naked Jerry Sandusky, the former assistant coach, holding a young boy by the waist from behind, up against the wall in the campus shower.

McQueary's testimony at a preliminary hearing for two Penn State officials accused of covering up the story was the most detailed, public account yet of the child sex abuse allegations that have upended the university's football program and the entire campus.

A Pennsylvania judge held Curley, the university's athletic director, and Schultz, a retired senior vice president, for trial after the daylong hearing.

PRO BASKETBALL

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — Kobe Bryant's wife, who stood by her husband when he was charged with sexual assault in 2003, has filed for divorce from the Los Angeles Lakers star, citing irreconcilable differences after a decade of marriage.

Vanessa Bryant signed the papers on Dec. 1. Kobe Bryant signed his response on Dec. 7. In the filing, Vanessa Bryant asked for joint legal and physical custody of the couple's two daughters, Natalia, 8, and Gianna, 5. Kobe Bryant asked for the same in his response. Vanessa Bryant also requested spousal support.

PRO FOOTBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — The attorney for Sam Hurd said his client had never sold drugs to other NFL players, hoping to put any rumors to rest as the wide receiver without a team prepares to fight federal drug charges that could put him in jail for 40 years.

Less than an hour after Hurd was cut by the Chicago Bears, defense attorney Brett Greenfield told reporters that his client planned to fight the charges.

League spokesman Brian McCarthy said the NFL was closely monitoring the situation. Asked about a report that authorities have a list of NFL players with ties to the drug case, McCarthy said: "We are not aware of such a list."

U.S. Magistrate Young Kim ordered Hurd to surrender his passport and any firearms. Hurd is expected to be tried in Texas, where the criminal complaint was filed this week by the U.S. attorney.

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL denied James Harrison's appeal of a one-game suspension for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Cleveland quarterback Colt McCoy, and the Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker will sit out Monday night's game against San Francisco.

The ruling was made by NFL-NFLPA on-field appeals officer Ted Cottrell.

Harrison was suspended Tuesday because of the hit to McCoy during the Steelers' win over the Browns on Dec. 8. McCoy suffered a concussion.

The NFL cited Harrison's history of flagrant hits — this was his fifth on a quarterback — in making him the first player suspended under stricter guidelines for player safety that were invoked midway through last season.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Chris Owusu's college football career is likely over. Whether he ever plays football again is still to be determined.

Stanford coach David Shaw said the senior wide receiver will "probably not" play in the Fiesta Bowl for the fourth-ranked Cardinal against No. 3 Oklahoma State on Jan. 2, adding, "it's not going to happen, it's not going to happen."

Owusu sustained at least three concussions in a 13-month span and absorbed several other blows from defenders this year. He didn't see active duty in the final three games after leaving Oregon State in an ambulance Nov. 5.

NCAA

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — West Virginia University asked a Rhode Island judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the Big East conference over the university's bid to make a quick exit for the Big 12.

A lawyer for the university argued that the Rhode Island court lacks jurisdiction in the case and that a lawsuit the university filed in West Virginia is already proceeding. The Big East, based in Providence, maintains it is entitled to sue the university in its home state.

PRO HOCKEY

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Saying it felt right to be wearing a Devils jersey again, a humble Scott Niedermayer saw his No. 27 jersey retired by the New Jersey franchise that he helped win three of his four Stanley Cups.

The swift-skating Niedermayer is only the third Devil to have his jersey retired by the franchise, joining fellow defensemen Scott Stevens (No. 4) and Ken Daneyko (No. 3), the trio who along with goaltender Martin Brodeur formed the backbone of NHL championship teams in 1995, 2000 and 2003.

AUTO RACING

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Greg Zipadelli left Joe Gibbs Racing to reunite with Tony Stewart as competition director at Stewart-Haas Racing, a position that's been open since early summer as Stewart appeared to be waiting all along for his former crew chief.

Zipadelli will oversee the race teams of Stewart and Ryan Newman, as well as build the team for which Danica Patrick will drive full time in 2013. And he'll get to continue for a bit as crew chief — running Patrick's team to prepare for her Daytona 500 debut in February.