

## RETRACTION LETTER

RE: Retraction letter to Agent Joel Bell

It is with deep regret and sincere apologies that I, Jonathan Givony, am hereby issuing a full retraction regarding what I have learned are false and damaging statements made about player agent Joel Bell, in articles I wrote that were published on DraftCity.com in April of 2005. These articles pertained to the decision of Kelenna Azubuike to forfeit his remaining collegiate eligibility following his junior season at Kentucky by hiring Mr. Joel Bell as his player agent.

Pursuant to further research, I now know and fully believe that the statements made about Joel Bell were false and that Mr. Bell never offered, nor gave, any money to potential clients or their families to "come out" of school early (before the end of their senior year) and sign with Mr. Bell as their agent. This writer deeply regrets their original publication and would like to fully retract them. The articles were removed from DraftCity in June of 2005.

Based on what I now know, I failed to use proper judgment and failed to take the time to obtain proper confirmations from reliable sources when researching the issue before I published same. I did not attempt to contact Joel Bell, Dwane Jones or any member of the Jones or Azubuike family. I also did not attempt to contact anyone at either the University of Kentucky or St. Joseph's University before writing the article. I only spoke to two people before writing the article, and both were NBA player agents who were competitors of Mr. Bell. I did no other research other than talking to these two NBA player agents. I was negligent in my research and verification procedures which were below the applicable standards in the industry and I again apologize for my lack of experience, knowledge and understanding which resulted in the publishing of these articles.



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