

Michigan Recruiting Analyst Connor Stalions Resigns After Sign-Stealing Scandal



Michigan and recruiting analyst Connor Stalions, who has been at the center of the alleged sign stealing scandal, have officially parted ways, as Stalions resigned his post on Friday. He was previously suspended by the university with pay on Oct. 20.

It has been reported that Stalions had bought tickets to over 30 Big Ten games, and other possible College Football Playoff contenders, and had been transferring them to other people to attend those games for him and record the team's sidelines.

Michigan released a statement after it was reported he was fired to say that Stalions had resigned from his position.

"Connor Stalions resigned his position with Michigan Athletics this afternoon," the statement read. "We are unable to comment further regarding this personnel matter."

"As he informed the school earlier today, Connor chose to resign because recent stories regarding his time with the University of Michigan have created a distraction for the team," Stalions' attorney told The Athletic. "He hopes his resignation will help the team and coaching staff focus on tomorrow's game and the remainder of the season. Connor also wants to make it clear that, to his knowledge, neither Coach (Jim) Harbaugh, nor any other coach or staff member, told anyone to break any rules or were aware of improper conduct regarding the recent allegations of advanced scouting."

Photos and video recently emerged of someone that appeared to be Stalions on the sideline with the Central Michigan football team in a game against Michigan State on Friday, Sept. 1. Central Michigan is investigating further with head coach Jim McElwain, who coached at Michigan in 2018, saying he didn't have any knowledge of the person in question being someone not affiliated with the Chippewas.

According to multiple reports, Stalions has not been cooperating with any internal or external investigations.