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RB WILLIAMS SIGNS TENDER;
G SHUMARD CLAIMED OFF WAIVERS

The Buccaneers announced today that restricted free agent RB Carnell Williams signed his tender offer. The team also announced it has claimed G Michael Shumard off waivers from the Denver Broncos and waived T Robert Okeafor.

Williams entered the league as a first-round pick (fifth overall) of the Buccaneers in the 2005 NFL Draft. He has played in 54 career games with 48 starts totaling 843 rushing attempts for 3,240 yards and 18 touchdowns and 88 receptions for 554 yards and three more scores. In 2005, Williams set a Buccaneers rookie record by rushing for 1,178 yards en route to being named NFL Rookie of the Year. Following two serious knee injuries during the 2007 and 2008 seasons, Williams returned in 2009 to play in all 16 games while leading the team with 823 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns. His career rushing total ranks fifth in Buccaneers history.

Shumard entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent with Denver following the 2010 NFL Draft. Okeafor was originally signed by the Buccaneers as an undrafted free agent on April 28, 2010.