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Cornerback MAURICE HURST and his agent were preparing a grievance against the Patriots after a battery of physicals showed the player released by New England this week was physically unfit to play for the St. Louis Rams.

Hurst's agent, DOUG SUNSERI, said the seven-year veteran had been playing with a herniated disk in his neck that bothers him when he turns his head to the right.

Sunseri said he would file a grievance Monday through the National Football League Players Association contending that the Patriots illegally dropped Hurst while he was injured and that he deserved to get paid for the remainder of the season.

Sunseri said the Patriots knew about the injury and the extent of it, but Coach BILL PARCELLS has denied that Hurst was asked to play hurt. (AP)

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