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CANTON – The Canton Charge has signed point guard and Canton native Keith McLeod and forward Jamine Peterson, the team announced today. McLeod and Peterson become the first players to be signed by the Charge. Per team and league policy, terms of the contracts were not released.

McLeod, 31, has played four seasons in the NBA, most recently during the 2006-07 season with the Indiana Pacers. He has career averages of 5.5 points, 1.3 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 18.6 minutes in 200 games (88 starts). The veteran also has NBA Development League experience, spending the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons with the New Mexico Thunderbirds. During the 2009-10 season, he averaged 21.8 points (14th in the league) on .407 shooting, 3.7 rebounds and 5.6 assists (18th) in 36.4 minutes per game in 30 games (28 starts). In 66 career games (62 starts) in the D-League, he has posted averages of 17.6 points on .402 shooting, 3.4 rebounds and 5.0 assists in 37.4 minutes per game.

During the 2010-11 season, the 6-foot-2, 190-pound point guard played overseas in Athens, Greece with Panionios B.C. He played in seven games, averaging 7.7 points on .579 shooting and 1.4 assists in 22.9 minutes.

A native of Canton, McLeod starred at Canton McKinley High School, winning Ohio's Mr. Basketball award in 1998 before attending Bowling Green State University. As a senior at Bowling Green in 2002, he was named Mid-American Conference Player of the Year and led the Falcons to an NIT appearance. He remains 2nd all-time in scoring in school history with 1,895 points.

Peterson, 23, spent last season playing for the New Mexico Thunderbirds of the NBA Development League. In 36 games (10 starts), the 6-foot-6, 230-pound forward, averaged 13.4 points on .457 shooting and 5.9 rebounds in 23.6 minutes per game. In his 10 starts, he averaged 20.5 points on .503 shooting and 7.3 rebounds per game. He scored a Thunderbirds season single-game high 40 points against Springfield on March 26th and made a team single-game high 15 field goals against Fort Wayne on March 27th. He scored 20 or more points 10 times on the season and also grabbed at least 10 rebounds seven times.

Before joining the Thunderbirds, Peterson played two seasons for Providence College where he averaged 13.0 points and 6.9 rebounds in 56 games (31 starts). During his sophomore season, in which he earned All Big East Honorable Mention, he averaged 19.6 points and 10.2 rebounds in 31 games (all starts). He also led the conference in double-doubles with 16.

The Charge begins their inaugural season at the Canton Memorial Civic Center on Friday, November 25th at 7:30 p.m. against the defending NBA D-League Champion Iowa Energy. Individual game tickets will go on-sale in early November. **Season tickets for the Canton Charge are on sale now and start as low as $5 per seat**. Season ticket benefits include an invitation to exclusive team events, discounts on official team merchandise, participation in special on-court game night events, access to discounts and special offers at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland and much more. All inaugural season ticket holders are also automatically included as members of the **Canton FOUNDERS CLUB**

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