

Paralyzed Teen Undergoes Major Surgery

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MACCLENNY, FL -- A Baker County High School football player has undergone surgery after three weeks in rehab.

Milton Oshay Johnson, 16, was paralyzed after being hit in the neck during football practice, August 19.

After spending several weeks at Shands Jacksonville, Johnson was transported to Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

According to a family spokesperson, the halo ring which was used to stabilize Johnson's spine has been removed. Doctors also implanted a metal plate to support part of his spine.

His family considers the removal of the halo to be a major development. It will allow Johnson to advance in his rehabilitation.

However, his family expects that Johnson will be on a ventilator for the foreseeable future. According to a spokesperson, they've also been told that Johnson will likely not regain use of his arms and legs.

Johnson is expected to continue rehabilitation at the Shepherd Center for several weeks. He is expected to be home for Christmas.

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