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Former Texans linebacker Darryl Sharpton celebrated at festive River Oaks bash NFL veteran turned entrepreneur toasts to 36th birthday and company sale

HOUSTON, TX (Jan. 31, 2023) – A lively and intimate crowd joined former Houston Texans linebacker **Darryl Sharpton** at his River Oaks home on Friday, Jan. 27, to celebrate his 36th birthday and the nine-

Approximately 100 guests enjoyed a generous open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres and decadent food stations from Houston's own **Churrascos Catering**. The stylish crowd mingled and noshed while enjoying music from **DJ Q Holic**, hand-rolled cigars by **Stogies and Bowties**, tastings of **Uncle Nearest Whiskey** and luxurious hand-painted sweets from chocolatier **Cacao & Cardamom**. **Kara Smith** of **CommonPolished Events** oversaw the planning and management of the Friday night fête.

Sharpton's friend **Nick Scurfield** welcomed partygoers to the celebration before encouraging guests to raise their glasses for a congratulatory champagne toast. Sharpton thanked the crowd before giving way to a serenade of "Happy Birthday" and a fire show by the pool.

Notable guests included former Houston Texans players **Owen Daniels**, **Earl Mitchell**, **Garrett Graham**, **Amobi Okoye** and **Shaun Cody**, who made the trip all the way from California to celebrate his old teammate. Also in attendance were **Kam Franklin**, frontwoman of popular band The Suffers, along with FOX 26 reporter **Chelsea Edwards**, KHOU's **Brittany Ford**, Riel chef **Ryan Lachaine** and sisters **Saba** and **Sarah Jawda**.

In the coming months, Sharpton will continue his entrepreneurial ventures with a soon-to-beannounced boutique hospitality brand that will launch in Houston in 2023.

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figure acquisition of his furniture company, Albany Park.