

Kaepernick's tattoo artist doing brisk business

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The 49ers' win against the Falcons Sunday was good news for more than San Francisco and its fans. It also likely meant a spike in business for Colin Kaepernick's tattoo artist.

Kaepernick's prodigious ink has garnered a lot of attention already. In a widely criticized article on AOL in November, David Whitley pointed out that about "98.7 percent" of prison inmates in California have tattoos. He then wrote "I'm ... pretty sure less than 1.3 percent of NFL quarterbacks have tattoos. There's a reason for that." (AOL said in the article that the writer's opinion was not reflective of the company.)

The 49ers quarterback is covered in tattoos, including Bible verses on his arms. His longtime tattoo artist, Nes Andrion, told TMZ his tattooing business has profited from the success of the young quarterback.

"People want to get their tattoos done by the same artist as Colin Kaepernick," Andrion said to TMZ.

Andrion said he has been Kaepernick's tattoo artist for years. He told TMZ he started inking the athlete back when Kaepernick played football for the University of Nevada Wolf Pack in Reno, where the tattoo shop is located.

But it wasn't until Kaepernick stepped up in November to replace quarterback Alex Smith, who'd suffered a concussion, that Andrion saw a spike in business.

"People come in and ask if I am the artist that does Colin's tattoos, and ask when I think I am going to tattoo him again," Andrion told TMZ.

Andrion said Kaepernick plans to return to the shop during the off season to finish the tattoo spanning his chest, according to TMZ.