

Berlin, Jun 17 (AP)- Hertha Berlin signed Dutch defender Karim Rekik from French side Marseille on Friday.

The 22-year-old center back signed a "long-term" contract, the Bundesliga club said. Hertha hopes Rekik will fill the gap left by John Anthony Brooks' departure for Wolfsburg in what was a record transfer for an American player. The reported fee was 20 million euros (\$22.4 million).

Kicker magazine reported Hertha was paying 2.2 million euros (\$2.5 million) for Rekik, the club's third signing of the offseason after forwards Davie Selke and Mathew Leckie.

Rekik, who joined Manchester City from Feyenoord at 17, had loan spells at Portsmouth and Blackburn Rovers before making his breakthrough at PSV Eindhoven, finishing third in his first season and winning the Dutch title the next. He joined Marseille in 2015.

Also, Eintracht Frankfurt signed 32-year-old goalkeeper Jan Zimmermann on a free transfer from former se-cond-division side 1860 Munich. Zimmermann signed a two-year deal.

Another goalkeeper left the Bundesliga with Diego Benaglio switching Wolfsburg for Monaco.