

Pro athletes drawn to Estates at Parkside home

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One professional athlete is moving out of an Orlando home to make room for another to move in.

A retired MLB player sold the home on Ludington Circle in the Estates at Parkside to an NFL player for \$1.9 million.

“They’ve moved quite a bit over the last decade. It was nice for them to walk into a home where they didn’t have to do much and it had a lot of the things that they already liked in it,” said Veronica Woodyard with **Diamond Real Estate Group**, who represented the buyers. “It was a lot of things that they loved immediately when they walked in. They knew they wanted the convenience of being able to just walk into a house and have it designed and decorated the way that they wanted it to be.”

Public records show those buyers are James Carpenter, Jr. and his wife Anjelica Ruiz Carpenter. Carpenter is a free agent NFL guard who was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks in 2011 and most recently played for the New Orleans Saints.

The sellers were Omar Infante and his wife Yohanna. Omar Infante was an MLB second baseman and former All-Star who played most recently for the Kansas City Royals.

Gabriela Aparicio with **EXP Realty** represented them.

Woodyard said her husband was an athlete and she has worked with many others during her career.

“I think a lot of athletes have similar tastes. I think there was a connection there when they walked in. A lot of things the seller had in there really resonated with my buyer,” Woodyard said. “There’s an area upstairs that has three or four TVs where you can watch different sports shows and being an athlete, that was something that was intriguing.”

Outside, a putting green is near the resort-style pool and outdoor kitchen.

“It is fully equipped with a wine fridge, two refrigerators, two different types of grills; the hibachi style and a regular style,” she said.

The home was built in 2017 and has a modern aesthetic instead of a more traditional look, something the Carpenters liked.

“[The sellers put] over half a million dollars into interior design and interior decorating,” Woodyard told GrowthSpotter. “It’s very different than any other house in that community as far as design. They didn’t cut any corners.”

Smart technology exists throughout the home to control everything from the solar panels to the window coverings.

“They’re a younger couple and they were looking for something a little bit more modern.” Woodyard explained.

The home sits on about a quarter acre and is 5,778 square feet with six bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms in an area near Dr. Phillips Community Park and other amenities for the couple’s three young children.

“They’re planning to move here and be full-time residents. They’re happy to be in Florida with the weather and sunshine,” Woodyard said. “They can walk from the house and drop their kids off at school in the morning. There’s a new development within walking distance that will have banks, and food, and shopping. The convenience of all that was a huge factor for them.”
