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Michael Dean Rucker (born February 28, 1975 in St. Joseph, Missouri) is a former NFL defensive end, which played for the Carolina Panthers.

Rucker was drafted by Carolina in the 1999 NFL Draft. He was the NFL Defensive Player of the Month for September 2003, when he had 5 sacks, 21 tackles, 13 hurries and one batted pass during the first four games of the season. Rucker finished the season with 12 sacks, and earned his first berth in the Pro Bowl. In the 2005 season, he had 7.5 sacks, and surpassed Kevin Greene as the team's all-time sack leader. Rucker, along with three former teammates, is the founder of Ruckus House, a child development and learning facility.

In 2005 Mike founded Vision Group Realty, a full service real estate brokerage firm, providing brokerage services to both buyers and sellers of residential and commercial real estate. The firm headquarters is located in Charlotte, NC, and services relocating clients locally, nationally and globally.

In the 2008 off-season, he traveled to Afghanistan to visit with troops. Rucker made a video documentary of his experiences for NFL Network, stating that if he was not a pro football athlete, he could easily envision himself in the military.

Mike has also launched a company that acts as a hub for all of these endeavors called Rucker Resource. He has been using this company as a point of contact for media, news, and booking. Mike has been a public speaker for several years now and he finds himself enjoying it just as much as competing on the gridiron. He is expanding even more in 2009 by making himself more accessible to camps, corporations, charities and organizations.