

## Terrence Shannon Jr.-Illinois

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**The source was asked to describe Shannon's personality.** Shannon was described as a bit of a diva. When things are not going his way, he can tend to be sensitive, overly expressive, and generally more negative in his demeanor. During his time at Texas Tech, he has always been one of the first on the team to show negative body language when things get tough.

All this being said, source says that he thinks Shannon is overall a good kid, and that he is well-liked by his teammates. As an example, after announcing his intention to transfer, Shannon stayed in Lubbock as long as he could so that he could continue to stay connected with the local community and show his appreciation for the time he spent at Texas Tech.

**The source was asked what kind of worker Shannon is.** Source said that Shannon was worked tirelessly this offseason to improve his shooting and compact his dribble. Was in the gym almost all day every day after the season. Very hard worker.

**The source was asked if Shannon is one of the leaders in the locker room.** Source said that Shannon did not have a leadership role in the locker room, but he isn't aware of any instances where Shannon has been suggested to be a poor teammate. Not aware of any locker room issues.

**The source was asked what type of coaching Shannon responds to.** Shannon did respond well to Chris Beard or Mark Adams' coaching style when he first arrived on campus and continued to struggle with that early in his career. Has since become more responsive to coaching. Source also notes that Texas Tech coaches were perceived by many in the locker room to be harsher on Shannon than other players on the roster.

**The source was asked if he knew why Shannon transferred out of Texas Tech.** Shannon transferred to Illinois to be closer to home and to play in a different offensive system. Shannon was originally set on transferring to Michigan, but he was unable to reach the required credit hours to be granted transfer there.

Shannon did not agree with Mark Adams' coaching, particularly his rotations. His camp felt that Adams was too hard on him in his final year while he dealt with ankle injuries and a lower back issue that affected his athleticism. Initially, Shannon did not inform the team he had entered the transfer portal, and he entered the day after the season ended. However, he eventually reconciled somewhat with the coaches.

**The source was asked what kind of role Shannon would have in the pros?** Source thinks Shannon would be valued for his defensive ability and upside with the hope that he can further refine his handle and slashing. Has some catch and shoot potential. Noted that Shannon is a high-level athlete and has elite flexibility.

As far as concerns, source points to Shannon's challenges driving to the right, and says teams need to feel satisfied that they can trust Shannon to make decisions with the ball in his hands.

**The source was asked if Shannon has any social/emotional red flags?** Source is not aware of any. Source notes that teams should check his medicals to ensure his back issues are not significant. Has dealt with back issues since freshman year.