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## Castillo agrees to five-year, \$43.1 million contract extension

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Defensive end Luis Castillo agreed to a five-year contract extension worth \$43.1 million - \$18 million guaranteed -- with the San Diego Chargers on Tuesday.

Castillo, now under contract until 2014, becomes the sixth-highest paid defensive lineman in the NFL.

"Since his arrival, Luis has been played a huge role in the success we've had as a defense," Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said. "He's an ascending player who is committed to getting better. We're thrilled that he'll be a Charger for years to come."

Castillo, who will turn 25 on Aug. 4, was the second of the Chargers' two first-round draft picks in 2005. In three NFL seasons, he's played in 36 games and started 33. Lauded for his strength, quickness and athleticism, the Northwestern grad has posted 13 career sacks, including a career-high seven in 2006.