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Preliminary Investigation Report Into Death of Anthony Jones

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PRELIMINARY REPORT DATE: MON-31-JAN-2011
DATE & SCHEDULED TIME OF EVENT: SAT-29-JAN-2011 @ 19:00 HOURS
EVENT VENUE: FITNESS UNLIMITED, 1212 HWY. 35 N, BENTON, AR
RINGSIDE COMMISSIONER IN-CHARGE: JASON A. STUART
COMMISSION INSPECTOR: SONNY AXSOM
BOUT REFEREE: MARTIN TUNSTALL
EQUIPMENT SEQUESTRATION/POSSESSOR: YES/JASON A. STUART
RINGSIDE PHYSICIAN & ASSISTANT: DR. DEVN FRANSEN, D.O.; JULIA STONE, R.N.
RINGSIDE AMBULANCE/EMT/PARAMEDICS: MEDTRAN; JERRY COHEN; HOPE CRESSLER
NEAREST MEDICAL CENTER: .9 MILES (SALINE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 1 MEDICAL PARK DR., BENTON, AR)
NEAREST LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER: 27.3 MILES (UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER, 4301 W. MARKHAM ST., LITTLE ROCK, AR)

PROMOTER: LARRY HARRIS – THUNDERSTRUCK PROMOTIONS
VALID PROMOTER'S LICENSE: YES
PROMOTER'S BOND POSTED: YES
PROMOTER'S EVENT INSURANCE ON FILE & CLAIM FORM ADMINISTERED: YES
WEIGH-IN DATE & VENUE: FRI-28-JAN-2011; FITNESS UNLIMITED, 1212 HWY. 35 N, BENTON, AR

DECEASED CONTESTANT NAME: ANTHONY JONES
DATE & TIME OF DECEDENT'S WEIGH-IN: APPROX. 19:45 HOURS FRI-28-JAN-2011
DATE & TIME OF DECEDENT'S PRE-BOUT PHYSICAL: APPROX. 17:45 HOURS SAT-29-JAN-2011
DECEASED CONTESTANT AMATEUR EXPERIENCE: YES – (CONTESTANT REPORTED 13-3-0 (ELIMINATION TOURNAMENTS & CLUB FIGHTING))
DECEASED CONTESTANT PRO EXPERIENCE: NO
DECEASED CONTESTANT VALID LICENSE: YES
DECEASED CONTESTANT CHIEF SECOND: DAVID CALDWELL
DECEASED CONTESTANT CHIEF SECOND VALID LICENSE: YES

OPPONENT NAME: QUINCY PALMER
OPPONENT AMATEUR EXPERIENCE: YES – (CONTESTANT REPORTED RECORD PENDING)
OPPONENT PRO EXPERIENCE: YES (FIGHT FAX RECORD 1-0-0)
OPPONENT VALID LICENSE: YES
OPPONENT CHIEF SECOND: NORMAN BAKER
OPPONENT CHIEF SECOND VALID LICENSE: YES

REPORT NARRATIVE

This Event was sanctioned by the Arkansas State Athletic Commission (“Commission”) and held in accordance with the Commission’s Combative Sports Regulations. This incident occurred during and subsequent to the fifth (5th) bout of the Event. The fifth (5th) bout was between heavyweight Contestants, Quincy Palmer (1-0-0) and Anthony Jones (0-0-0) (jointly referred to as “Contestants”).

The scales used at weigh-in were verified using a 35 lb. known standard measure and certified by Commissioner Stuart to weigh 9/10th lbs. less than standard weight and weights Pursuant to Reg. §§ 1.31, 1.32 and 1.33, Mr. Palmer weighed 251 lbs. and Mr. Jones weighed in at 233 ½ lbs. Both Mr. Palmer and Mr. Jones were within regulatory weights for the heavyweight division.

Pursuant to Reg. §1.20, the Ringside Physician, assisted by the registered nurse, conducted Pre-Bout Physicals of all Contestants, including Mr. Jones and completed Combative Sports Medical Report (Pre-Bout) – ASAC Form CSMR057-2010 for all Contestants. Following the Pre-Bout Physical, Mr. Jones was medically cleared to participate in the Event.

In accordance with standard Event protocol and immediately prior to the start of the Event, Commissioner Stuart visually verified the presence of an on-site ambulance with transport authority to the nearest medical facility (Saline Memorial Hospital less than 2 minutes from the Event Venue), as well as, inspected and verified the EMT’s pre-planned routes of emergency ingress and egress from the ring to the ambulance. The on-site ambulance was stationed at the front/side exit and a direct route from ring to the exit was ensured prior to the start of the Event.

Approximately 15 minutes before the start of the Event’s 1st Bout, Commissioner Stuart held meeting with the Ringside Physician and EMTs to advise the Physician of the EMT’s ringside location (stationed in the opposite neutral corner from the Ringside Physician) and vice versa. Commissioner Stuart also ensured the Ringside Physician and EMTs were clear on the protocols and procedures for implementation of the Commission’s emergency action plan, should it become necessary during the Event. Neither the Physician nor EMTs had any questions regarding the emergency protocols. After clearance with the medical staff in attendance, the pre-planned emergency exit route was communicated and clarified with the Event Promoter with instructions to maintain continuous clearance of the emergency exit path during the Event.

Pursuant to Reg. §1.22, the Inspector inspected and approved both Contestants’ Handwraps and Gloves. Handwraps used by the Contestants were in compliance with Reg. §1.35. Gloves used by the Contestants were 10 oz. gloves in accordance with Reg. §2.3 and in compliance with Reg. §1.34.

The Contestants entered the ring and competed in a normal manner. Mr. Jones was ahead on the scorecards at the end of the 1st Round. Toward the end of the 2nd Round, Mr. Palmer struck Mr. Jones with a legal punch or combination of punches, which knocked down Mr. Jones before the bell sounded the end of the 2nd Round. Mr. Jones was Down and being administered the Count by the Referee when the bell sounded the end of the 2nd Round. Mr. Jones did not return to his feet before the end of the Ten Count and the Referee stopped the fight. In accordance with standard protocols, the Ringside Physician entered the ring to attend to Mr. Jones immediately after the Referee completed the Ten Count. The Ringside Physician was assisted by the registered nurse at ringside.

After initial examination, the Physician implemented the pre-planned emergency action plan by signaling for the EMTs to enter the ring. Mr. Jones was placed on the backboard, moved to the ringside collapsible gurney and transported via ambulance to Saline Memorial Hospital for evaluation, as a safety precaution. Commissioner Stuart provided Mr. Jones’ Chief Second with the Promoter’s Event Insurance Certificate and Claim Form with attached

instructions on how to file and claim. Commissioner Stuart advised the Chief Second to accompany Mr. Jones to the medical facility, present the insurance information and follow the other claim instructions as necessary.

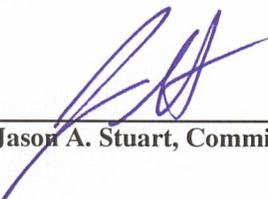
Immediate medical evaluation by ringside medical personnel did not give rise to suspicion of life threatening injuries. After ensuring Mr. Jones had been loaded and transported, the Ringside Physician completed the Combative Sports Medical Report (Post-Bout) – ASAC Form CSMR057-2010 for Mr. Jones. The ringside registered nurse provided follow-up reporting on Mr. Jones' condition during the subsequent Bouts and advised Mr. Jones was being transported to UAMS for further precautionary evaluation. Mr. Jones deceased early in the morning on SUN-30-JAN-2011. Preliminary information indicates Mr. Jones' death may have been caused by underlying medical conditions unrelated to participation in the Bout, which conditions were both unknown and not detectable by any standard, medically reasonable Pre-Bout Physical Examination.

In accordance with standard protocols, Mr. Jones' body was released by UAMS to the Pulaski County Coroner's office for an autopsy. The Pulaski County Coroner has completed its autopsy and sent the body to the Arkansas Medical Examiner's office for additional confirmation of the autopsy results.

In accordance with standard Commission protocol, the Commission will receive and evaluate the results of the medical records, autopsies and reports upon completion. The Commission's investigation into all events and circumstances surrounding this incident will continue, including a standard review of all health, safety and welfare regulations and procedures to ensure the continued safety of the Contestants, Officials and general public at Events sanctioned by the Commission. The Commission's pre-planned emergency action plan operated as intended and resulted in the most expeditious medical treatment possible under the circumstances. No information presently exists to suggest any need for emergency changes to the Commission's Regulations or emergency action plans.

The Commission will issue a final report upon completion of the investigation. It is presently unknown how long it will be before the final report is released by the Commission.

By my signature below, I certify the information herein is, to the best of my knowledge and information, true and accurate.

Signed: 
Jason A. Stuart, Commissioner

Date: 31-JAN-2011