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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAN ONORATO & JIM MITCHELL OF MITCHELL'S RESTAURANT AND BAR DOWNTOWN IN A "WINNER TAKE ALL 3 ROUND RUBBER MATCH"

Possible Boxing Match set for Saturday, February 9, 2008

Local restaurateur, Jim Mitchell will be challenging Dan Onorato to a three round rubber match. On Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Downtown Hilton Ballroom there will be an amateur boxing benefit pitting local law enforcement against local firemen. A large portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to a college fund for children of fallen firemen and police officers.

On Monday, January 14, Allegheny County Commissioner Dan Onorato was quoted as saying, "I'm not going to stand here and take punches. As long as I have two arms, we're going to swing back, and we're going to swing back hard." This was in response to criticism from Republican Councilmen.

When Jim Mitchell heard these remarks he came up with the idea of challenging Dan to the boxing match. Last May Jim filed, fought, and won a lawsuit against Dan Onorato and the County Council that stopped the countywide smoking ban.

"I'm challenging Dan to a boxing match. I figure I smoked him in the first fight, he floored me with the drink tax in the second fight, now it's a winner take all 'Final Fight Rubber Match.' The deal is this: If I lose, he can have his smoking ban, but if I win, he throws out his drink tax. The real winners though, will be the kids that have lost a parent. If he takes this fight, we'll sell the place out. If he doesn't, we are not only getting the word out about a wonderful benefit, but we are bringing attention to public servants whose sacrifices are all too often over looked."

Jim looks forward to Dan's reply. In the meantime, Jim's cornerman and trainer, John Petrolias, of the Smithfield Cafe had this advice for Jim, "Whatever you do, watch for the low blows."

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If you would like more information or to schedule an interview with Jim Mitchell, please call Christina Cox at 412-512-8099 or email at christina@mitchells.tv
For more information on benefit boxing matches please contact Jim Cvetic at Iron City Boxing.