

Charges dropped against boxer

NORWALK — Prosecutors dropped a charge yesterday against a professional boxing champion stemming from an alleged domestic dispute last summer.

Travis Simms, 33, of Norwalk was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 11, police said.

The charge was dropped yesterday at state Superior Court in Norwalk at the recommendation of the court's Family Relations Division, where the case was transferred after Simms' arrest, Assistant State's Attorney Michael DeJoseph said.

Simms, a Norwalk native who is active in community service,



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became the toast of the city after winning the World Boxing Association's super welterweight belt almost one year ago. His attorney, John Thygerson of Norwalk, called dropping the charge against his client "an appropriate resolution to the matter."

"There's nothing more to be said about it," Thygerson said after his client's court appearance. "It's a relatively straightforward matter, and it was handled appropriately by all parties."

After his arrest, Simms described the incident as a "minor dispute" between spouses who are happy but have arguments just as any other couple does. His wife acknowledged police were called but said she never expected her husband to be arrested. She said she didn't feel threatened during the incident and said she believes Simms would not harm her, she said.

Speaking in general terms, Assistant State's Attorney Robert Hall yesterday said Family Relations recommends dropping charges after investigating a case, speaking to the alleged victim and concluding prosecution is no longer warranted.

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