

**ALLAN GREEN'S SHOBOX OPPONENT TARVIS SIMMS SHEDS
FINAL POUNDS TO FINALLY MAKE WEIGHT**

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009,

First Council Casino, Newkirk, Okla.

"SHOBOX: THE NEW GENERATION"

Friday, Oct. 2; Telecast Begins at 11 p.m. ET/PT

NEWKIRK, Okla., (Oct. 1, 2009) – Tarvis Simms skipped rope in the hallway just moments after weighing in slightly over the super middleweight limit on Thursday during the final weigh-in for Friday's ShoBox: The New Generation matchup against Allan Green.

Simms was able to finally make weight later in the evening at a previously agreed 168.8 pounds while Green weighed in at 167.6 pounds during the afternoon weigh-in for their 10-round main event tomorrow/Friday, Oct. 2, live on SHOWTIME (11 p.m. ET/PT, delayed on the west coast).

Despite what he called the stress of having to scramble and make weight later in the evening, the southpaw Simms (25-0-1 11 KOs) from Norwalk, Conn., said he will be ready and prepared for whatever Green has in store for him. "I know people aren't picking me to win, but that's why I'm going to go out there and shock the world."

At 6-foot-1, Green (28-1, 20 KOs) has a sizable height advantage over the 5-foot-9 Simms, who is 38 years old. Green has fought a lefthander three times in his career, all victories. "And they were all on short notice too," he said.

In the second televised fight of the night promoted by DiBella Entertainment at the First Council Casino, "The Truth" Antwone Smith (16-1-1, 8 KOs) of Hollywood, Fla., takes on Henry Crawford (22-0-1, 9 KOs) of Paterson, N.J., in a 10-round welterweight battle between two of the division's brightest prospects.

In the opening televised fight, Marcus "Too Much" Johnson (17-0, 14 KOs) of Houston, Texas, battles Victor Villereal (8-3-2 1 NSF, 4 KOs) of Longmont, Colo., in an eight-round super middleweight matchup.