

Reminder: Arreola Fights Releford On FNF

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Reno, NV (May 24, 2011) - *ESPN's Friday Night Fights* presented by Corona Extra, will originate from Reno, Nev. May 27 at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN2 when *Ring Magazines*

No. 10-ranked heavyweight Chris "The Nightmare" Arreola (31-2, 27 KOs, WBC #2, IBF #5, WBO #13, WBA #15) and former heavyweight world title challenger Tony "The Tiger" Thompson (35-2, 23 KO's, IBF #7) are featured in co-main events.

[Joe Tessitore](#)

and

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will be ringside at the Reno Events Center describing the action. The card is presented by Goossen Tutor Promotions.

Reno has a long and illustrious boxing history dating back to July 4, 1910 with the Jeffries-Johnson World Championship bout and many great champions such as Sugar Ray Leonard, Hector Camacho, Alexis Arguello and James Toney have all displayed their talents in front of the knowledgeable Reno fight fans.

"We are happy to be back in Reno with the FNF series. It is a city that consistently draws energetic and enthusiastic fans," said Doug Loughrey, Programming Director for ESPN.

This Friday California's Arreola will meet Kendrick "The Apostle" Releford (22-14-2, 10 KOs). Arreola has won his last three fights, including a third-round knockout over Nagy Aguilera in his last fight earlier this month. After the Aguilera bout, ESPN.com's Dan Rafael wrote, "Arreola took it to Aguilera from the outset. He showed good hand speed and forced Aguilera to the ropes in the first round and unloaded a variety of punches. Arreola did more of the same in the second round. Aguilera ate numerous punches and it was surprising that he made it through the second round. In the third round, Arreola trapped him along the ropes early and was painting him with lefts and rights, but Aguilera somehow managed to remain upright. Aguilera survived that onslaught, but not for long. After a brief lull, Arreola was back to battering him repeatedly with vicious head shots from both hands until the referee jumped in to call it off at 1 minute, 58 seconds of the third round."

Washington D.C.'s Thompson will meet Newark, New Jersey's Maurice "Sugar Mo" Harris (24-14-2, 10 KOs, IBF #6) in a 12-round IBF heavyweight title elimination bout. Thompson has won four fights in a row, since his unsuccessful world title challenge against Wladimir Klitschko, including a fourth-round TKO over Paul Marinaccio in his last fight.

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Thompson said of Friday's Fight, "I've been training for this fight for about eight weeks. Mainly, I just want to keep a lot of pressure on Harris. You know, he's been knocked out a few times. He had some head problems or something - that's why he took time off. I want to give him reasons to remember that."

Doors open at 4 p.m. with the first bout at 5 pm. The first ESPN televised bout is set for 9 p.m. PT / 6 p.m. PT.

Tickets for the May 27 boxing card at the Reno Events Center are priced at \$100, \$59.50 and \$29.50 (General Admission). Tickets may be purchased at Reno Events Center, Eldorado and Silver Legacy's Ticket Offices, or by phone at 1-800-745-3000 and on line at **www.ticketmaster.com**