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Keith Sullivan is a lawyer, but he's also one of the most standup guys I know. The Queens-based barrister is a boxing guy, who donates ample time to the Boxing Writers Association, and Ring 8, the NY-based veteran's boxers association, and the Theodore Atlas Foundation, and also can be seen quite often on the Fox News Channel.

I checked in with Sullivan and asked his take on the Floyd Mayweather "jewelry assault story," which broke on TMZ, the gossip website, on early Wednesday morning.

The sourcing, the specifics, or lack thereof, are rail thin, in my view. Still, one has to consider matter, as it pertains to the topmost driving influencer in the sport, and the most richly compensated athlete in any sport.

So, Attorney Sullivan, give your assessment of the story, such as it, and weigh in with your take on some of the reading between the line elements.

"If this is true, it reminds us of the incident that put OJ Simpson away," said Sullivan, referencing the 2007 arrest of the notorious ex footballer Simpson for armed robbery and kidnapping, for which he was found guilty, in 2008, and sentenced to 33 years in the pokey, with a 9 year minimum.

"As a defense lawyer, though, I have my doubts," continued the counselor, who also serves on the New York State Athletic Commission. "They hired lawyers to pursue civil claims and pitched it to the media before an arrest has even been made. That alone makes me wonder what the real motive here is. They can't seem to prove that they filed a police report or that any law enforcement agency is actually investigating this."

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Indeed. One would think if such a violent act occurred, Mayweather wouldn't be a free man as you read this, right?

"The truth will come out in the end, but if Floyd in fact did this, he sealed his fate in history as one of the greatest boxers and the dumbest human being alive. I hope for all involved this did not occur. It would have tragic consequences for Floyd and this is not how someone in a civilized society handles people they suspect stole from them, especially people who may very well be completely innocent."

So there you go. This lawyer is looking at the "story" with the same skeptical set of eyes I am.

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deepwater2 says:

Floyd is an idiot . I rich idiot but still an idiot. This story may be true or false but sometimes where there is smoke there is fire. He better pay these clowns off if he had any connection to it. My lawyer says it might be true because some lawyers like to leak info to the public to put pressure on Floyd, to get a payout before criminal investigations start. This is a job for al Haymon to sweep under the rug.

In 2002, Floyd Mayweather Jr pleaded guilty to 2 charges of misdemeanor domestic violence.

In 2004, Mayweather received a 1 year suspended jail sentence, was ordered to seek counseling for "impulse control", and fined a \$1000 after being convicted for misdemeanor battery of 2 women in a Las Vegas nightclub.

In 2004, a warrant for his arrest was issued in Grand Rapids, Michigan for failure to appear at a trial. He was accused of kicking a bouncer in the head at a bar. Mayweather pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault and battery. He was fined and ordered to perform community service.

In 2005, Floyd was found innocent in a trial for assaulting his girlfriend outside a Las Vegas club in 2003. The girlfriend, also the mother of his children, changed her story on the stand.

In 2009, Police executed a search warrant on Floyd's house because witnesses identified Mayweather's car leaving the scene of a shooting at a Las Vegas skating rink. Witnesses also identified one of Mayweather's associates as the shooter.

Mayweather has had several incidents of beating women, anger control problems, and other

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DaveB says:

One would think that if this is true (and I really hope it is not) Floyd will be advised by Al Haymon and the other powers that be to pay them off and most importantly get help. With the people he surrounds himself with anything is possible. The idiotic things that people do still are astounding even though they are common place. Some of these events sound contrived and

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then turn out to be true.

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Lovely post. I like it. Regarding the hat, do you think he actually likes that look? Or do you he's doing it to market his stuff to the younger crowd who likes it that way?

Because I've seen him wear nice clothes also. But I've heard him say that he doesn't do endorsements because he's the main endorser of TMT clothing.

Speaking of that, I saw a dude at the store the other day clad in TMT from head to toe. Hat said "money. Power. Respect." t shirt was one of those white ones Floyd always wears. Definitely seeing that more and more.

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indeed you are right shadow!!! giving to charity made me chuckle.. he's done a lot of work for theophane which i appreciate especially, used to box with him back in london!

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Here's an update from the Las Vegas police:

[url]http://www.boxingscene.com/vegas-police-mayweather-beating-simply-rumor--75661

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Lol speaking of which, I just saw Big Floyd with a TBE hat, I almost choked on my water

brownsugar says:

It's easy to blow Floyd's arrest record out of proportion... Floyd's biggest flaw is poor character judgement...outside of the ring..especially with the women.

NV police say no charges have been filed... No photos of faces beaten out of proportion. No hospital records.....Besides a blackmailer... Disgruntled spouse or any con man can simply fake injuries. I put little value on these accusations without proof.