CHICAGO, IL (January 18, 2012) Former world title challenger and perennial contender **Edner "Cherry Bomb" Cherry** has signed an exclusive promotional contract with Chicago's **8 Count Productions**, it was announced today by **Dominic Pesoli**, its President.

Cherry has also partnered with the highly regarded management team of **Albert Falcon** and **Pat Doljanin** of **Warehouse Boxing** of Highland Park, Illinois to assist in guiding his future.

Continuing to campaign as a junior lightweight, Cherry has compiled a record of 28-6-2 with sixteen knockouts over his ten-year career. A native of the Bahamas, now residing in Wauchula, Florida, Cherry will make his Chicago debut on ***Friday, February 24th*** at **Windy City Fight Night 21** at the **UIC Pavilion**.

"Edner is a world class fighter and we're very proud to be working with him" said Pesoli. "With his one-punch knockout power along with his fan friendly aggressive style, he's a perfect fit for Chicago fight fans."

"I've followed Edner's career for several years, he's been a staple on ESPN2's Friday Night Fights, and I've always admired his skills. Our fans are in for a real treat on February 24th."

Continued Doljanin, "'Edner walks around at a 140 pounds and in the last couple of years has fought at 130. He's incredibly strong in that division and ready to face any of the top junior lightweights in the sport."

Stated Falcon, "Our goal as a team with 8 Count Productions is to fight for a world title within a year. We're going to be busy this year in and out of ring with Edner."

The 29-year-old Cherry is currently riding a four bout-winning streak, all of which ended within the first three rounds by knockout. Included among the world champions and ranked contenders he has faced are **Timothy Bradley, Paulie Malignaggi, Jose Armando Santa Cruz, Stevie Johnston, Eric Aiken, Monty Meza-Clay, Daniel Alicea, Ricky Quiles, Jaime Rangel** and **Wes Ferguson**.

Cherry has fought numerous times on **ESPN2's Friday Night Fights** and in 2006, he was honored as the **ESPN2 Friday Night Fights "Fighter of the Year"** for his sensational wins over Monty Meza-Clay and Daniel Alicea.

Further details of Edner's Chicago debut at Windy City Fight Night 21 will be announced shortly. He will head to Chicago shortly to begin training at the **Warehouse Boxing Gym and Boxing Club** in Highland Park.

8 Count Productions, ***HOME OF THE BEST IN CHICAGO BOXING***, was started by Dominic Pesoli in 1998 and has consistently presented the highest quality professional boxing events in Chicagoland.