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Main Event Fighters Melendez, Brinson Make Weight For ShoBox: The New Generation Tomorrow/Friday

Live on SHOWTIME® (10 p.m. ET/PT) From Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, N.Y.

Unbeaten Jeffrey Fontanez Meets Jose A. Rodriguez In New Co-Feature

10-Round Middleweight Bout

JORGE MELENDEZ – 158 Pounds
NICK BRINSON – 157¾ Pounds

Eight-Round Lightweight Bout

JEFFREY FONTANEZ – 132 Pounds
JOSE A. RODRIGUEZ – 132 Pounds

VERONA, N.Y. (June 6, 2013) -- World-ranked knockout specialist **Jorge "Destroyer" Melendez** (26-2-1, 25 KO's), of Bayamon, P.R., and former amateur standout **Nick "The Machine Gun" Brinson** (14-1-2, 6 KO's), of Rochester, N.Y., made weight on their first attempts Thursday for their 10-round main event fight **tomorrow/Friday, June 7**, on **ShoBox: The New Generation** live on **SHOWTIME**® (10 p.m. ET/PT delayed on the West Coast) from

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There will be a new co-feature, undefeated **Jeffrey Fontanez** (11-0, 9 KOs), of Caguas, P.R., taking on **Jose A. Rodriguez** (18-10, 11 KOs), of Detroit, Mich. The Fontanez-Rodriguez lightweight bout was elevated to the telecast after a scheduled match between

Jonathan Vidal

and

Mario Munoz

was cancelled by the New York State Athletic Commission when Munoz could not make the weight.

Vidal weighed in at 118 pounds, but Munoz came in at 125. When Munoz returned to the scale, he still weighed 125 and the commission called the fight off.

An aggressive-minded 20-year-old with good power, the highly regarded, 5-foot-8½, 20-year-old Fontanez is coming off a six-round unanimous decision victory over veteran **Daniel Attah** on March 2. It was the first time Fontanez had gone six full rounds.

Rodriguez, a 5-foot-7, 25-year-old, will be fighting for the fifth time this year after fighting six times in 2012 and seven times in 2011. A "traveling underdog" in recent outings, Rodriguez has often been matched against top prospects and local favorites, many times on short notice. He gives strong efforts each time out against very good opposition. He is coming off a 10-round unanimous decision loss against **Ray Beltran** in his last fight on April 27 – a fight he took on short notice.

Tickets priced at \$75, \$45, \$35 and \$25, plus tax and service charges, are on sale at the box office of the Turning Stone Resort & Casino, by calling (315) 361-SHOW (7469) and also through Ticketmaster at [\(800\) 745-3000](tel:8007453000) or online at www.ticketmaster.com and www.turningstone.com

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Barry Tompkins will call the ShoBox action from ringside with **Steve Farhood** and former World Champion

Raul Marquez

serving as expert analysts. The executive producer is

Gordon Hall

with

Richard Gaughan

producing and

Rick Phillips

directing.

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