

Petr Petrov earns mandatory WBA lightweight title shot with stoppage over Michael Perez

Indio, CA (October 3, 2016) – Petr Petrov (38-4-2, 19 KO's) earned a mandatory world title shot at the WBA Lightweight title with a stoppage after 6 rounds over Michael Perez in a scheduled 12 round bout at the Fantasy Springs Casino Resort in Indio, California.

In round 2, Perez was bloodied over his right eye, and Petrov was cut on his forehead. Later in the round, Petrov dropped Perez with a hard right to the head. Petrov continued the assault as he battered and hurt Perez with evenly dispersed punches to the head and body. As the blood continued over Perez's right eye, Petrov never let up.

Finally, trainer Robert Garcia decided his fighter had enough and stopped the fight after the 6th round.

"I just want to thank everybody who made this win possible. My wife Carolina, My family back home in Spain and Russia. This victory is what I have been working for to be so close to a world title shot. This was one of the best training camps I have had, and I want to thank my trainer/ manager Danny Zamora and my strength and conditioning coach Jerry Arias," said Petrov. "Mike Perez is a true warrior, and he came to fight, and it was great fight. All I want to do is go home to Spain get some rest and wait for the phone call from my promoter to let me know when I will be fighting for the world title."

Banner Promotions President, Artie Pelullo stated, "Petr looked sensational, He has been getting better every fight, and this is the best he has looked. He has really earned his

title opportunity. In his last 6 bouts the combined record of his opponents is 135-24-5. Now we will look to make the WBA world title bout as quickly as possible





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