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Call Mike Tyson your neighbor by buying his former home in Henderson

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Iron Mike has some flashy new digs.

Former boxing champ Mike Tyson recently bought a two-story, 8,149-square-foot mansion in the Seven Hills area of Henderson for \$2.5 million, just down the block from his old house.

The sales price was 40 percent below what previous buyers paid in 2006, during the real estate bubble.

Tyson and his wife, Lakiha, closed their purchase Dec. 28, county records show.

The six-bedroom home at 1258 Imperia Drive is in a guard-gated community and boasts an outdoor fireplace, lush landscaping, marble flooring and a grand entry. The property also has two detached casitas.

The seller, M. Tina Meyer, was a flipper: She bought the 0.76-acre spread last March for \$2.3 million, county records say.

Brokerage firm Luxury Homes of Las Vegas, which represented the Tysons and Meyer in their transaction, has listed Tyson's old house — 1294 Imperia Drive — for \$1.5 million, according to a news release from the company.

Even if it sells at that price, Tyson would book a loss: He [bought the home in early 2008](#) from former NBA player Jalen Rose for \$1.75 million, county records show.

The house has been "smartly updated" for resale, said the news release, which noted the 49-year-old Tyson "is climbing back to financial success with (animated TV series) 'Mike Tyson Mysteries,' celebrity appearances, endorsements and a renewed business savvy."

"The lucky buyer will not only be able to live in Mike Tyson's old home, they will also be his new neighbor!" broker Ken Lowman, owner of Luxury Homes of Las Vegas, said in the announcement.

Tyson's life has been [volatile](#), to say the least, marked by athletic success but also prison time, drugs and steep financial problems.

In 1986, at just 20 years old, he became the youngest heavyweight boxing champion of the world. But he spent three years in prison in the 1990s after he was [convicted](#) of raping 18-year-old beauty-pageant contestant Desiree Washington, and he famously bit off a chunk of [Evander Holyfield's right ear](#) during a 1997 title bout at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Like many celebrities, Tyson has lived a lavish lifestyle, with mansions, jewelry, cars and Siberian tigers. But he [filed for bankruptcy](#) in 2003, claiming \$23 million in debts, despite having earned about \$400 million the prior 20 years, according to The New York Times.

Tyson also made a cameo, playing himself, in the 2009 hit movie "The Hangover." The main characters break into his house and steal a tiger, but after Tyson confronts them in their hotel room at Caesars Palace, they drive it back.

Lowman could not immediately confirm if any scenes were filmed at his actual house in Henderson.

Tyson, meanwhile, has [acknowledged being high](#) on cocaine while filming scenes for the movie and that he agreed to be in the film to fund his drug habit, according to media reports.

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