Mike Tyson buys Henderson home for \$2.5 million — PHOTOS

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Boxing legend Mike Tyson has purchased a 10,000-square-foot home in Seven Hills golf community, according to Kenneth Lowman, broker and owner of Luxury Homes of Las Vegas. Public records showed Tyson and his wife, Lakika Tyson, paid \$2.5 million for the home, which does not sit on the golf course. The deal closed Dec. 28. Lowman represented the seller and the buyer.Lowman said draws for Tyson was the privacy and that and he wanted to stay in the same Seven Hills, Henderson neighborhood. He has lived in a 5,700-square-foot home just down the street since 2008. The couple just finished a contemporary remodel on the smaller home, which has four bedrooms, five baths. It's expected to be listed for \$1.5 million by the end of the month.

Lowman said the couple would drive by to look at the home, which was recently remodeled, when it went up for sale. He said they loved its layout and look.

"They recognized it was a good opportunity and smartly jumped on it," he said. "Mike Tyson was very happy with the purchase."

Tyson's new home sits on three-fourths of an acre and has its own gate. The Italian style is reflected in the grand entry with marble flooring. The home has two detached casitas, media room, a small wine cellar off the kitchen and a four-car garage.

The former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, who has lived in Las Vegas for about 30 years, seems to be climbing back up the ladder of success after a decade of financial and legal woes. This fall, he was in the news for his second season of "Scooby-Doo"-style intrigue on the animated "Mike Tyson Mysteries" (12:15 a.m. Sunday, Adult Swim).

"When you think about it and put it in perspective," Tyson told Las Vegas Review-Journal's Christopher Lawrence last year, "when I was 'Mike Tyson' in the '80s, and I was this heavyweight champ guy — biggest, toughest guy, \$20-million fights — comic books wouldn't touch me with a million-foot pole. Any kind of comics or cartoons. And to think I'm doing it at this point in my life is just so refreshing."

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