## **Hitman Set To Return To The Ring**

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Thomas Hearns is set make an announcement on Friday regarding his boxing future. From all indications, Hearns will return to the boxing ring against John Long, a cruiserweight from St. Louis, MO on July 30<sup>th</sup> at Cobo Arena in Detroit, MI. Inactive since May 2000, Hearns will be looking for a strong showing after his cruiserweight bout with Uriah Grant was cut short. Hearns couldn't continue after the second round due to a leg injury.

A seven time champion, Hearns has set his sights on capturing an eight title before officially retiring.

This night will be a special one for fight fans as the card will feature father and son. The card will be called 'Double Trouble'. It will be a history making night as the first time an African-American father and son will be on the same boxing card.

The Camacho and Chavez families have both recently had similar father and son bouts. Ronald Hearns is excited about the opportunity that is awaiting him as the co-main event on the First Round Productions card with his legendary father.

"I never dreamed I would be fighting on the same card as my dad," Ronald Hearns says. "I think once the public hears about it, they would be very excited to come see father and son 'Do it in Detroit'. The City of Detroit is a historical boxing community so it should be a pretty big show."

The entire fight card and other details regarding Hearns future plans will be announced at the afternoon press conference.