

U.S. World Boxing Champion Considers Moving to Russia

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U.S. boxer Roy Jones, Jr. posing with an M-249 and M-4 during a visit to the 720th Advanced Skills Training flight.

World boxing champion Roy Jones Jr. could soon exchange the U.S. for Russia and is interested in purchasing an apartment in the country's south, a news report said.

The boxer's promoter Vladimir Khryunov said he was looking for real estate on behalf of Jones in his native town of Belorechensk in the Krasnodar region.

"I'm dealing with the citizenship issue for Roy Jones," Khryunov said. "We've decided to buy real estate in a town where my parents live, in the Krasnodar region. I think a very famous resident will appear in Beloretchensk in the very near future," Khryunov said, R-Sport reported on Monday.

In Moscow for a bout, Jones reiterated last week he was considering applying for a Russian

passport.

"Why not? It's a great idea. People love me here so much," the Pensacola, Florida, native said in a YouTube video at a pre-match press conference on Saturday.

A winner of numerous boxing titles, Jones first mentioned the idea in spring, Lenta.ru reported. A farmer has since then offered him a plot of land in the republic of Bashkiria, R-Sport said.

Jones would not be the first celebrity to relocate to Russian shores. French film actor Gerard Depardieu also gained Russian citizenship in January after complaining about his tax burden at home.

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