Faces Of New Bedford #167: Jason Pires

Meet Jason Pires, 43-year-old Boxer, Police Officer, and Boxing Instructor. Boxing has always been a part of his family, so it was no wonder that Jason started at the early age of 5. He moved to New Bedford from Brockton when he was 15 years old, where he was introduced to Luis “Bucky” Vincent and began training with him at the Boy’s and Girl’s Club.



During his time as an amateur boxer, Jason won 5 New England Golden Glove awards and was runner-up twice for the National Golden Glove Award. This recognition landed him a spot on the National Boxing team, traveling to Moscow to compete. Jason even got to work and room with Floyd Mayweather Jr. during this time period. This led to him being chosen as an alternate on the US Olympic Boxing team during the 1996 Summer Olympics. Jason went on to fight as a pro, finishing with a record of 24-4-1, 9 knockouts and the USBA Junior Featherweight title.

During the tail end of his boxing career, Jason pursued his second dream, becoming a police officer. With a degree in Criminal Justice from Umass Dartmouth, he became a New Bedford Police officer in 2005, serving the city while also competing professionally. He later went on to become a Massachusetts State Trooper, which had always been his dream.

In 2015, Jason Pires dedicated to take his love for boxing and pursue coaching to full time. Since then he has launched his business JP Boxing Club in New Bedford. He loves taking all

that he has experienced in his career and passing that knowledge on to other fighters who wish to achieve the same things he did.

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