Reward and no-questions-asked for return of stolen gym equipment

Acton's Heather McIsaac can't stop beating her self up – mentally – over a stupid one-time mistake that halted her push for a berth on the Canadian women's boxing team at the 2016 Olympics.

Last Tuesday night, an exhausted McIsaac, a three-time Canadian boxing champion at 48-kilos (106-pounds), said she fell asleep on the couch after a 12-hour work shift, forgetting to remove her gym bag full of boxing equipment and a GPS unit from her car, parked outside her Church Street residence.

In the morning, it was gone – \$1,500 worth of personalized equipment. The most valuable item stolen was McIsaac's Ontario Boxing Passport – a record of all her fights, including personal medical information. While she can apply for a new Passport – it could take a month and she can't spar or fight without it – the new one starts fresh, as if her 10 years of bouts did not count.

"I feel pretty stupid. I never leave stuff in my car, but the one-time I do, this happen. It breaks my heart – its a real shame," she said on Tuesday, adding she and her mother have checked garbage bins and dumpsters, parks and other possible dump sites, but found no trace, and have reported the theft to police.

McIsaac and her mother Dani Graham work four jobs to pay for her boxing and this loss is so huge that they are offering a \$200, no-questions-asked reward for return of the equipment, which included a black and blue DAV bag, red leather Greenhill headgear, black Rival boxing gloves, orange and black, and black and white Ross Wear shorts with McIsaac's nickname "Mayhem" embroidered on them and purple hand wraps.

McIsaac's path to the 2016 Summer Olympics requires wins at the Nationals in October in Saskatchewan, and at the final team selections in Quebec City the following month. That would propel her to the Pan Am games in 2014, and placing there would secure her a berth at the Olympics, which added Women's boxing at the London Games last summer.

Anyone with information about the boxing equipment is asked to call Dani 905-702-2084.



Dani Graham photo



