

Dave Chapelle Gets Tackled on Stage

LOS ANGELES, May 4 (Reuters) - The man accused of tackling comedian Dave Chappelle to the stage floor during a performance at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles was charged on Wednesday with felony assault with a deadly weapon.

The attack on Chappelle, 48, occurred Tuesday night during a sold-out appearance by the Emmy-winning entertainer as part of an 11-day "Netflix is a Joke" festival, featuring many of the leading names in stand-up comedy.

Hey everyone! Welcome to our channel celebrity insider. In today's video, we are going to talk about Dave Chapelle Gets Tackled on Stage and is it true Will Smith was banned from attending the Oscars for 10 years after the slap. So, if you want to know all about it then keep watching this video Till the End!

A Los Angeles Police Department spokesperson said the suspect had in his possession a replica handgun containing a knife blade when he attacked Chappelle.

A short time after the assault, Chappelle was joined onstage by fellow comic Chris Rock, who took the microphone and quipped, "**Was that Will Smith?**" - a reference to his own experience of being slapped by the Hollywood star during the live Oscars telecast on March 27.

Chappelle appeared to emerge unscathed from Tuesday's attack and went on with the show, ad-libbing jokes about the incident and about what happened to the suspect, who was seen being chased down onstage by security personnel.

Chappelle said it was fortunate his assailant was "clumsy," adding, "He's back there getting stomped," according to video footage of the altercation posted online by the celebrity news website TMZ.com.

Photos of the suspect seated on an ambulance gurney afterward showed his face visibly bruised and his right arm apparently dislocated or broken.

Police later identified him as 23-year-old Isaiah Lee, who was being held in jail on a \$30,000 bond after being charged. No court hearing was immediately scheduled for Lee, according to online jail records.

There was no word from authorities about a motive for the attack, which according to The Los Angeles Times unfolded after a routine in which Chappelle, attired in a business suit, talked about comedians worrying more about personal safety these days and introduced his own security guard on stage.

Chappelle drew a backlash last year for material presented in his Netflix comedy special "The Closer" that some in the LGBTQ community branded as ridicule of transgender people. Supporters of the comedian viewed the material in question as a cry against "cancel culture."

The comedian himself alluded to the controversy from the stage shortly after he was tackled on Tuesday, quipping, "It was a trans man," eliciting laughter from the crowd.

The assault occurred as the comedian, headlining a multi-act show billed as "Dave Chappelle and Friends," was acknowledging a producer who was working at the show's DJ booth.

Video of the incident shows the suspect charging onto the stage, apparently from the audience, and launching his upper body into Chappelle, slamming his shoulder into the comedian's ribs and chest.

Both men fell to the floor before scrambling back to their feet, and the suspect darted away, chased briefly by Chappelle at first. He dodged a swarm of people for several seconds before they tackled him near the back of the stage.

The incident sparked immediate comparisons to the Oscar-night clash between Smith and Rock, an unprecedented incident at the globally televised event that prompted concerns that other performers might face copycat assaults.

"As unfortunate and unsettling as the incident was, Chappelle went on with the show," his spokesperson, Carla Sims, said in a statement on Wednesday, crediting Rock and fellow comedian-actor Jamie Foxx with helping to "calm the crowd."

Following the attack, she said Chappelle introduced the final act of the show, the hip-hop musical duo Black Star. Other comedians on the bill included Earthquake, Leslie Jones, Jeff Ross, Sebastian, Jon Stewart, and Michelle Wolf.

Chappelle was "fully cooperating with the active police investigation of this incident," Sims said.

A representative for the Hollywood Bowl, one of the most famous entertainment venues in Los Angeles, told Reuters the incident was under investigation, declining to comment further.

LOS ANGELES, April 8 (Reuters) - Hollywood's film academy on Friday banned Will Smith from attending the Oscars for 10 years after the best actor winner slapped presenter Chris Rock on stage at the Academy Awards ceremony 12 days ago.

The board of governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences took the action at a meeting held one week after Smith pre-emptively resigned from the group over his outburst at the live, televised event. "The 94th Oscars were meant to be a celebration of the many individuals in our community who did incredible work this past year," academy President David Rubin and Chief Executive Dawn Hudson said in a statement.

"However, those moments were overshadowed by the unacceptable and harmful behavior we saw Mr. Smith exhibit on stage."

In a statement, Smith said, "I accept and respect the Academy's decision." The actor has issued previous statements apologizing to Rock, the Oscars producers, nominees, and viewers. read more in addition to the Oscars, the film world's most

prestigious awards, the board banned Smith from all other academy events and programs, in person or virtually, for 10 years.

The group did not say, however, that he would be ineligible to be nominated for Oscars during that time. Smith's next movie, the action thriller "Emancipation," about a man who escapes from slavery, had been set for release later this year.

No update on the Apple TV+ (AAPL.O) film has been given since Smith strode up to the stage at the March 27 ceremony after comedian Rock made a joke about the appearance of the actor's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, then smacked Rock across the face.

Less than an hour later, Smith gave a tearful speech on stage as he accepted the best actor award for his role in "King Richard," portraying the father of tennis superstars Serena and Venus Williams. After the ceremony, he was seen dancing at Vanity Fair's annual post-Oscars party.

Rock's joke about Pinkett Smith made a reference to the 1997 film "G.I. Jane" in which actress Demi Moore shaved her head. It was unclear whether Rock was aware that she has a condition that causes hair loss.

Dana Harris-Bridson, editor-in-chief of online entertainment publication Indie Wire, called the academy's ban of Smith "too little, too late," saying the group should have removed the actor from the ceremony at the Dolby Theatre.

After the fact, the academy had few options, particularly since Smith resigned before his membership in the group could be revoked, she said. "The moment they had was the moment in the theater," she said.

In the Friday statement, the academy's leaders said they did not adequately address the situation during the telecast. "For this, we are sorry," they said. "This was an opportunity for us to set an example for our guests, viewers, and our Academy family around the world, and we fell short — unprepared for the unprecedented."

Shortly after the incident, the academy said it had asked Smith to leave, but details of that statement have been disputed and the actor did stay for the rest of the ceremony.

The academy's CEO and the president also expressed "deep gratitude to Mr. Rock for maintaining his composure under extraordinary circumstances. "We also want to thank our hosts, nominees, presenters, and winners for their poise and grace during our telecast," they said. "We also hope this can begin a time of healing and restoration for all involved and impacted."

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