

The ORIGINAL Bojuka Ryu was developed by Eddie Stewart in Marina, CA, 1970. He was a Golden Gloves boxer and a hand to hand combat instructor at Fort Ord, CA where he retired. He studied in various martial arts. Since he instructed many of the military, one of his students started teaching Bojuka back east. Then all of a sudden this, Tom Shrenk, claims he started Bojuka. A call was made to his (Shrenk's) West Coast instructor and asked if he knew that Bojuka Ryu was started by Eddie Stewart. Since he saw his art being skewed by Shrenk, Stewart trademarked the name Bojuka Ryu. The instructor of the west coast school said the "Bojuka Ryu" was trademarked, but not "Bojuka". Not wanting to spend the amount of money that would be required to fight it in court, Stewart left it alone. Knowing that all of the arts such as Jeet Kun Do, and others, have those claiming to be instructors, but, really are not. If one does research, Eddie Stewart's name is attached to the Bojuka name long before Shrenk was even involved. It is documented that Eddie Stewart started Bojuka in 1970, in actuality he had a dojo before that teaching karate, boxing, and Jujitsu under the name of the Neighborhood Karate Club. There have even been proclamations by the city of Marina for the amount of time and dedication that Mr. Stewart has given to the citizens and children of their city. What Shrenk is describing as Bojuka is far from the teachings and philosophy behind the art. It is too bad that Shrenk had to use someone else's creation as his own instead of just creating his own name and teaching what he teaches now.