

# Smasher – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Brown Belt & Rising



How tall they grow . . . and rise again! Aidan 'Smasher' Ligtvoet hit yet another KIA milestone on 22 December 2025 when he gained his 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Brown Belt rating!

Talk about determination! This young man is on an unrelenting march to Black Belt! Ahead for him is 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brown and then Black Belt in which he will gain a privilege that only 65 individuals of the Kiado-Ryu exist—being on The Wall!



Demonstrating “KIA Short Stick” above and his fighting position below.





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In this photo--brother Tristan "Raptor" Ligvoet —KIA 5th Dan, Master—is holding the bag as Smasher unloads with devastating power, and I mean devastating! This kid could knock your head off even though he is one of the nicest young men in KIA history.



Smasher's big brother, Tristan, has been a great success in Aiden's achievement. These are two wonderful, humble, smart but very strong and tough men. You would definitely want them on your side in a fight!



And, of course, a final and well deserved KIA bow representing Smasher's success.  
Way to go, Smasher!

And then there were two—one brown, one Black. ☺

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