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Abilene, TX - The Expo Center Board of Directors and staff regretfully inform our community of a death during the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) Rodeo performance on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

Skee Burkes, a contestant, succumbed to injuries suffered when he was bucked off the bronc while riding during the Ranch Bronc riding event. Burkes entered the rodeo through the United Professional Rodeo Association.

Unlike the rodeo-affiliated association of the PRCA, the United Professional Rodeo Association combines several long-standing successful regional associations with great rodeo history across the southern United States.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Burkes' family, the spectators, and the rodeo officials in the arena.

For information regarding Burkes and the UPRA, please contact (903) 873-6692.

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