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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person \*

A Merlau Kenneth A

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/06/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FORCE PROTECTION INC [FRPT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

9801 HIGHWAY 78, **BUILDING NO. 1** 

(Street)

\_X\_\_ Director Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

LADSON, SCÂ 29456

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

**Expiration Title** Date

Amount or Number of

Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Merlau Kenneth A 9801 HIGHWAY 78, BUILDING NO. 1 Â X Â Â LADSON, SCÂ 29456

## **Signatures**

/s/ Kenneth A. 04/06/2009 Merlau

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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