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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hutcherson Phillip Randall			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORCE PROTECTION INC [FRPT]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 9801 HIGH	(First) WAY 78, BLDO	Middle)		Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Operating officer			
				nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
LADSON, S							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - No	n-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	on Date 2A. Deemed (Year) Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securiti r(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed and 5 (A) or	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	04/07/2010			Code A	V	Amount 10,972 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	81,957	D		
Common Stock	04/07/2010			F		4,894 (2)	D	\$ 6.07	77,063	D		

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

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

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Hutcherson Phillip Randall 9801 HIGHWAY 78, BLDG 1 LADSON, SC 29456

Chief Operating officer

Signatures

/s/ Lenna Ruth Macdonald as Attorney-in-Fact for Phillip Randall Hutcherson

04/09/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- These shares of common stock are subject to forfeiture restrictions, whereby one-third of the restrictions lapse in equal annual installments commencing on April 7, 2010, the grant date, and ending on April 7, 2012.
- Pursuant to the reporting person's restricted stock awards granted on April 7, 2009 and April 7, 2010, 14,629 shares vested on April 7, (2) 2010, of which 4,894 shares were forfeited as payment for his tax withholding obligations, including the minimum statutory federal tax withholding rate, the state tax withholding rate and Medicare.

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