Merlau Kenneth A Form 4 August 17, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Merlau Kenneth A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	FORCE PROTECTION INC [FRPT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
1095 FISHER	LANE		(Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2009	_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)		
WINNETKA,	(Street) IL 60093		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	ecurities Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	es Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)	Reported		
					(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/13/2009		P	5,000	A \$ 4.66	16,438	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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ve Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivativ Securitie Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	(Month/Day, /e s l	ate	7. Title Amount Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	t of ying ies	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)		Expiration Date	0 N 0	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Merlau Kenneth A 1095 FISHER LANE	X						
WINNETKA, IL 60093							

Signatures

/s/ Lenna Ruth Macdonald as Attorney-in-fact for Kenneth A.
Merlau

08/17/2009

**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).

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