

Grazioplene James J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Grazioplene James J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
9801 HIGHWAY 78, BLDG 1
(Street)

LADSON, SC 29456

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FORCE PROTECTION INC [FRPT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President, TLCS

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/04/2009		A		11,942 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 11,942 D
Common Stock	05/04/2009		A		6,369 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 0 18,311 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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 7.85	05/04/2009		A	3,980	⁽³⁾ 05/04/2019	Common Stock	3,980

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grazioplene James J 9801 HIGHWAY 78, BLDG 1 LADSON, SC 29456			Executive Vice President, TLCS	

Signatures

/s/ James J.
Grazioplene 05/06/2009

__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).
- These shares of common stock are subject to forfeiture restrictions, whereby the restrictions on 50% of the stock will lapse in three equal
- (1) installments commencing on May 4, 2010 and ending on May 4, 2012, and the restrictions on the other 50% of the stock will lapse upon the completion of certain performance criteria to be determined on or by May 4, 2010.
 - (2) These shares of common stock are subject to forfeiture restrictions, whereby the restrictions on the shares will lapse in four equal quarterly installments commencing on May 4, 2009, the day of the grant, and ending on March 31, 2010.
 - (3) This stock option vests in three equal annual installments, commencing on May 4, 2010.

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