

Mathis Charles Alexander
Form 4
February 18, 2010

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Mathis Charles Alexander

(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)

02/16/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/16/2010		A	(A) or (D) Amount 25,813 (1)	\$ 0 116,482	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)	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. Date of Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.34	02/16/2010		A		29,928	(2)	02/16/2020
							Common Stock	29,928

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Mathis Charles Alexander 9801 HIGHWAY 78 BLDG 1 LADSON, SC 29456	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Lenna Ruth Macdonald as Attorney in Fact for Charles A.
Mathis

02/18/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These shares of common stock are subject to forfeiture restrictions, whereby one-third of the restrictions will lapse each year commencing on February 16, 2011, if certain performance is obtained.

(2) This stock option vests in three equal annual installments, commencing on February 16, 2010.

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