

FORCE PROTECTION INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14D-9**

**Solicitation/Recommendation Statement under Section 14(d)(4)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**FORCE PROTECTION, INC.**

(Name of Subject Company)

**FORCE PROTECTION, INC.**

(Names of Persons Filing Statement)

**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**345203202**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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The information set forth under Item 8.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Force Protection, Inc. on November 15, 2011 (including all exhibits attached thereto) is incorporated herein by reference.