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Agency ID #:

**RE: Second Chance Body Armor, Inc. Zylon®-Based Body Armor  
Urgent Survey – Response Needed by February 7, 2005**

Dear Chief:

During the past year Attorney General Peter C. Harvey and the Division of Criminal Justice have published numerous notices to the state's law enforcement community. Those notices dealt with officer safety concerns associated with Zylon®-based body armor degrading more quickly than forecast, resulting in reduced anti-ballistic capabilities. Also, the Attorney General serves as a member of the executive committee of state Attorneys General addressing various legal and consumer fraud issues related to Zylon®-based body armor, including class action lawsuits against Second Chance Body Armor, Inc. (Second Chance).

Recently, your agency was identified by the state as a purchaser within the past five (5) years of Zylon®-based body armor manufactured by Second Chance, distributed by Ray's Sport Shop, Inc., and sold under the name of ULTIMA®, ULTIMAX™ and TRI-FLEX®. (See attached list of purchases.) These models are no longer manufactured by Second Chance. Second Chance has publically acknowledged there is a problem with the ULTIMA® and ULTIMAX™ vests and announced a warranty adjustment and trade-in program on those models. Also, Second Chance has proposed an upgrade option to its TRI-FLEX® model in a legal action commenced in Arkansas.



In order to effectuate all remedial actions, the Division of Criminal Justice is seeking your assistance in determining your agency's current status with regard to these three (3) models of Second Chance body armor. Please complete the enclosed survey form and return it to our office **via fax** at (609) 984-2909 **no later than February 7, 2005**. Any questions should be addressed to the State Body Armor Desk at (609) 292-1462.

Yours truly,



Vaughn L. McKoy, Director  
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Enclosures: 1. List of Purchases (Individually printed for each agency)  
2. Survey Form

c: Chief Financial Officer  
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