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MURDOCH SECURITY GROUP ACQUIRES FORTRESS PROTECTIVE SERVICES OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLA.

Quality security leader gains national support, retains local authority

NEW YORK, June 25, 2007—Murdoch Security Group has acquired Fortress Protective Services in Coral Springs, Fla. Fortress founders Joel and Leonard Leffler will remain at the helm of the Florida firm and deliver the superior service that has distinguished Fortress Protective Services since its founding in 2001.

Maintaining local leadership plays a key role in Murdoch's acquisition strategy. While most firms gut the infrastructure of acquisitions to maximize cost savings, Murdoch Security Group largely leaves acquisitions intact. Fortress Protective Services, for example, will retain its distinct brand identity.

"Many security companies shed up to 40% of their business after an acquisition," says William Vassell, chairman and CEO of Murdoch Security Group. "Clients get nervous at the prospect of change.

"The Murdoch Security Group acquires solid, high-quality security firms and lets their owners continue to do what they do best. We bring in added value through greater corporate resources and our extensive network of security experts, with each acquisition increasing that value."

Vassell himself entered the security industry in 1980, working his way through college as a security officer. He founded Command Security Corporation in 1983, guiding its growth into a publicly traded company with revenue of more than \$100 million. He served as chairman and CEO of Command until 2004.

"We're proud to be the newest group partner in the Murdoch Security Group," says President Joel Leffler, who co-founded Fortress Protective Services with his brother. Leonard Leffler serves as president of operations. "This alliance gives Fortress Protective Services and our clients access to additional security experts with diverse specialties, and it provides the corporate support we need to serve clients on a regional scale."



Fortress Protective Services specializes in providing access control security personnel to residential high-rise buildings and gated communities in South Florida. The company emphasizes customer-service skills in its rigorous screening process and rewards accepted candidates with superior compensation and benefits, as well as merit-based promotions and awards. This approach produces exceptionally high employee retention and customer satisfaction.

The Murdoch Security Group was founded in 2004 to provide the highest quality security services to clients throughout the East Coast. The firm offers a full range of security services, including security officers, investigations and executive protection. The organization serves a diverse client base through its group partners. This unique corporate structure offers personal service from empowered management, while maintaining company-wide standards to ensure consistent service levels throughout the organization.

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