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PROTECTIVE PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL (PPI) VEST SAVES MISSOURI

Montgomery City Police Officer Shot Nine Times Following Routine Traffic Stop

SUNRISE, FLORIDA, June 16, 2006/-- A Missouri Police Officer is alive today thanks to a ballistic-resistant vest manufactured by Protective Products International (PPI), one of the leading designers and manufacturers of state-of-the-art concealable and tactical body armor.

Montgomery City Police Officer Brandon LyBarger, 25, was shot nine times on the morning of June 2, 2006, by a man accused of murdering a woman and wounding another person. Officer LyBarger suffered wounds to his torso, shoulder, lower arm and lower back and was released from the hospital several days later. "Thankfully, none of his injuries were life-threatening," said Chief P.L. Ahern.

The events began with a routine traffic stop in Montgomery City, a small town near Interstate 70 and Highway 19 in mid-Missouri. Two Montgomery City police officers stopped the accused man just after midnight after he ran a stop sign. The officers were unaware that the suspect was armed with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

"The officer stopped the vehicle and one of them approached. While seated in the driver seat, he began to fire at the officer approaching the car," said Sgt. Jason Clark of the Missouri State Highway Patrol which is investigating the incident.

Officer Brandon LyBarger was shot without warning nine times, the 9mm rounds easily stopped by his concealable bullet-resistant vest, made by Protective Products International. PPI will replace Officer Brandon's vest free of charge.

Mr. Steve Giordanella, President of Protective Products International stated, "We are humbled by Officer LyBarger's bravery and courage under fire. This young man's undaunted spirit is a testament to the men and women of The Montgomery City Police Department."

About Protective Products International

Headquartered in Sunrise, Florida, Protective Products International is one of the leading designers and manufacturers of state of the art concealable and tactical body armor. The company offers a broad line of products for the government, military and law enforcement communities including special purpose armor, ballistic plates, shields and helmets designed to protect and save lives. Our commitment to customer service over the past twelve years, coupled with a sincere dedication to product craftsmanship and superior quality, has not only become the cornerstone of Protective Products International, it has also made us leaders in the body armor industry. For more information go to www.body-armor.com.