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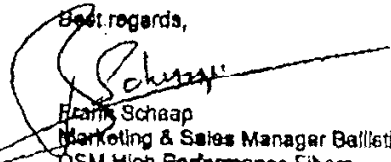
Dear Siegfried,

Please be informed that July 4th, 2001 we got serious indications that the use of PBO-fiber in bullet resistant vests may not be justified. Because of the serious nature of these indications DSM HPF decided to put on hold the market introduction of its PBO-fiber containing product offered to you as Zylon UD-8910, hereinafter named as "the Product". DSM started immediately investigations to collect more data and facts in order to conclude on further actions. We will keep you informed.

We advise you to take all necessary measures and precautions to avoid any potential risk with regard to the distribution or sale of the Product.

DSM does not accept any liability for claims and damages which may result from the market introduction or sale of the Product.

Best regards,


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Dear Mr. Paul Banducci,

First of all, I hope you understand that Toyobo pays utmost respect for Second Chance's devotions to the development of "Ultima" vest for the past several years. Therefore, we position Second Chance at the highest among all the customers of Zylon fiber. We have learned from you that nothing is more important than to save more lives. We would be more than happy if our fiber continues to participate in your life saving programs, with your excellent technology and a thirty-year experience.

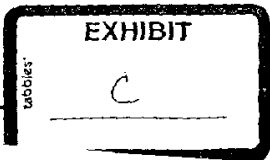
Since I returned home, I have spent enormous hours internally with Toyobo's people concerned for the purpose of finding out best solutions to the matters you requested Toyobo to do during my stay at your place last week.

I hereby would like to clarify Toyobo's official position toward the issue of quality assurance of our fiber, based on our internal discussion.

We understand that you are requesting Toyobo to clearly mention to the market that Zylon fiber is suitable for soft body armor, by saying that it can maintain its tensile strength for ten years or so.

However, Toyobo cannot clearly mention about the lifetime of the fiber, because Toyobo only keeps record (data) for the length of two and a half years only, since its market introduction in October 1998. For we understand the importance of the clear instruction of lifetime of the fiber, we enhance our data building for the future.

We agree that Toyobo is to support body armor makers who uses Zylon woven fabric by supplying our fiber which produced under our careful quality control to meet the specification. It is our understanding that it is only possible when Zylon fiber is used by sophisticated body armor makers like Second Chance, who have superior technologies and experiences which enable their products to meet the requirement of the market and the vest is designed, manufactured and handled properly.



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With regard to the similarity with Aramid fibers, we have learned there are some points for which we cannot say "same as Aramid". As you can see in the attached, Zylon behaves differently from Aramid fibers in terms of strength retention under the higher humidity with the temperature of 80 degree Celsius.

As for the letter headed to German police from Mitsui, we made a complaint to the manager of Industrial & Raw Material Dept. of Mitsui Osaka in our office today with the following points.

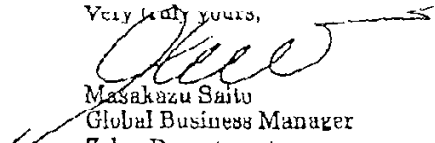
1. Mitsui went into that action without making prior notice to Toyobo.
2. There are some expressions which are not appropriately used.

Finally, in the attached, please find a supplementary statement of Toyobo to clarify the issue of fiber property, which we dispatched today.

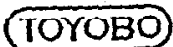
Please feel free to contact me when you have a question. We would be happy to help you if there is something we can do for you.

I wish all the best for your successful business and hope your kind understanding.

Very truly yours,


Masakazu Saito
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To our valued customers:

Toyobo has supplied ZYLON fiber to body armor market since we started the commercial production in October 1998. We have not received any claims as to ballistic performance from our customers until now. We understand that ZYLON fiber is a superior material for body armor when the product is carefully designed based on the expertise of sophisticated body armor manufactures and is still used under proper conditions.

As you may know, DSM HPF indicated that the use of their ZYLON UD-SB10 in bullet resistant vests may not be justified. Based on our study of ZYLON FIBER, we consider the V50 drop observed by DSM HPF may be a unique characteristic only for ZYLON UD-SB10 product, if their indication is true.

Please note that DSM HPF's indication is given solely by them based on their own tests, not by TOYOBO.

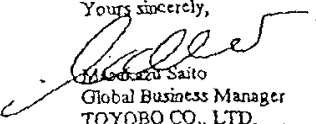
According to our investigation on the shelf life of ZYLON fiber, we estimate less than 5% strength loss for 10 years at ambient temperature and humidity. Toyobo is currently conducting a series of accelerated aging test of ZYLON fiber. We predict less than 10% of its strength reduction of the fiber after 10 years based on the extrapolation of the result, even at 40 degree C and 80 % of relative humidity.

Therefore, Toyobo would like our customers to re-confirm that their product design containing ZYLON fiber properly meets their customer's requirement and use.

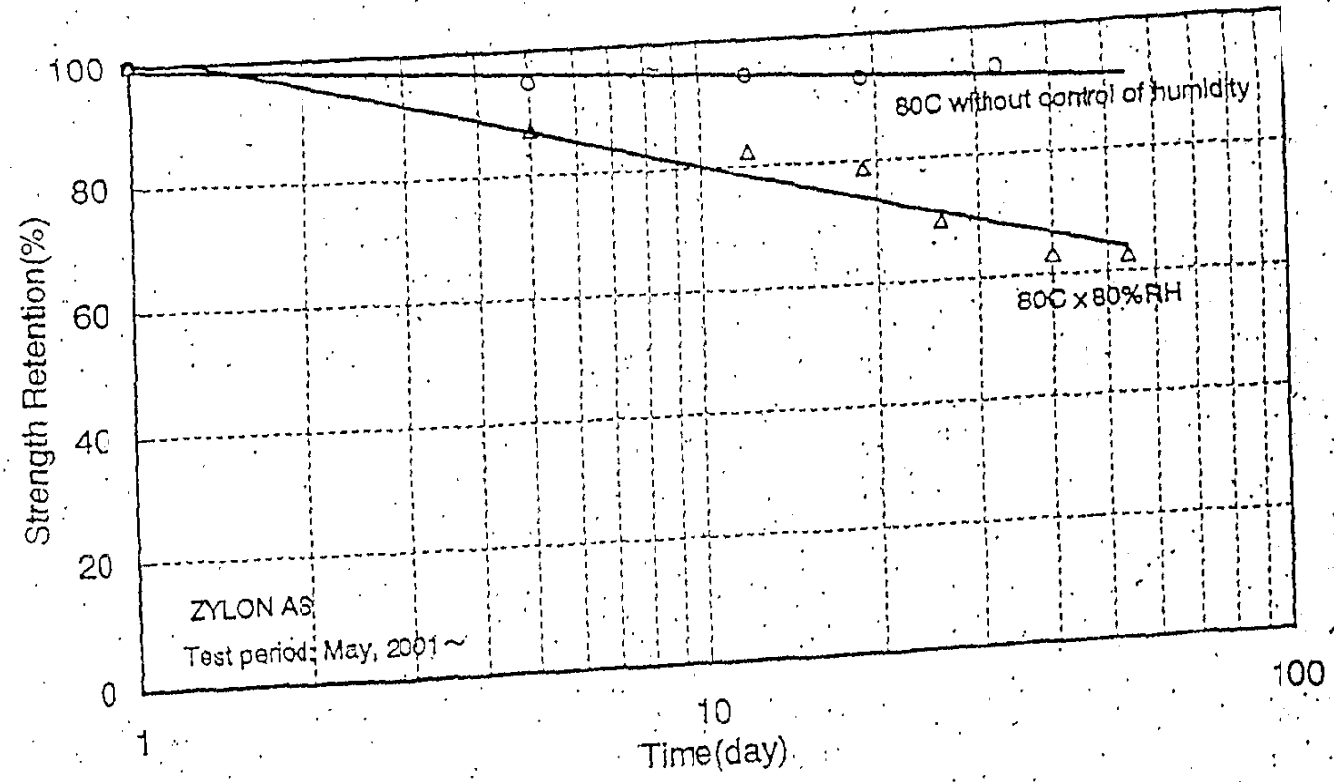
Like any other fiber manufacturer, Toyobo is not in a position to guarantee the performance of end products and of course the lifetime of each end product. Toyobo would like to ask our valued customers to design suitably your own product and determine carefully the lifetime of the product based on the design.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,


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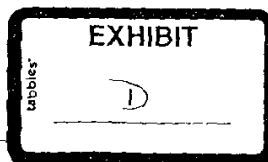
To Whom It May Concern:

Second Chance is the world's largest and most successful manufacturer of soft, concealable personal body armor. Since founding this industry in 1971, Second Chance has led every major advance in soft body armor *wearability*, while always maintaining superior performance standards. That dual dedication to user-friendly wearability and superior performance has resulted in Second Chance registering more body armor "SAVES" every year (over 830, so far) than any other competitor.

Second Chance has been working to define the technical potential for Toyobo's Zylon® since July, 1996. We have clearly demonstrated that Zylon® provides remarkable new levels in performance and wearability. Second Chance first commercialized a complete line of high performance, extremely *wearable* 7th generation Zylon vests in late 1998. Since then, even lighter, higher performing models have been engineered. Our latest world record setting 9th generation designs meet the more stringent new voluntary US standard NIJ-STD-0101.04. Similar 100% Zylon products have been certified against the more stringent new German SK-1 standard, GSG9 Tokarev standard, and the UK PSDB HG-1 and HG-1A requirements. All these vests have record low areal densities and thin-nesses, record high V-50 ballistic limit performance indices, and *superior wearability*. All of them incorporate our exclusive, patented GORE-TEX ComfortCOOL® water- and oil-proof, moisture vapor-breathable ballistic pad covers for superior *wearability*, as well as environmental protection.

During the last five years, Second Chance has continually tested the ballistic performance of its 100% Zylon® woven ballistic materials. Incoming materials and actual vests have consistently shown the highest performance levels ever achieved in our 30-year history.

At least ten US law enforcement officers have already been saved by their Second Chance Zylon® vests. We are confident that, given its superior *wearability*, many more officers will benefit from its extraordinary performance.



Recent concerns over the performance of a competitor's product have prompted Second Chance to re-visit its extensive ballistic data bases to evaluate the shelf-life of Zylon®. We are pleased to say that, after five years of continuing testing and over two and a half years of field experience, we see no reason to suspect any premature decline in Zylon fiber properties. Indeed, as you will see below, we have strong reasons to believe that woven Zylon® could demonstrate superior performance durability.

It is true that Zylon® PBO is relatively new to our industry. Its structure, poly(p-phenylene-2,6-benzisoxazole), is different from aramids (Para-phenylenediamine terephthalamide). Zylon® fiber tensile, flexural strength, impact energy absorption and thermal durability properties are significantly higher than aramids. Although structurally different, Zylon® and aramids are chemically similar. Since aramids have demonstrated excellent durability in field use over the last twenty-eight years, with proper care, we would expect the same - or more - from Zylon®. We have seen no data to indicate otherwise.

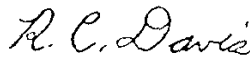
Toyobo has communicated to us their recent accelerated aging studies. Deterioration in fiber properties were measured at high temperatures (60-80°C/140-176°F), way above normal use conditions. However, neither extrapolation of these data nor separate accelerated aging studies at temperatures slightly higher than normal (40°C/104°F) have indicated any cause for concern.

In summary, Second Chance Body Armor remains confident that all of its body armor products will continue to meet or exceed design criteria well beyond their stated warranty periods, as long as they are properly cared for. Please let us know if you require further information about this subject.

Sincerely,



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Inventor of Soft Concealable Body Armor

Communication Strategy – Ultima

- 1) This is an industry issue not Second Chance
- 2) We need to be pro-active in our communication
- 3) We need to be both positive and confidence inspiring in our communication
- 4) We need to be coordinated and consistent in our message
- 5) We need to communicate with
 - a. our employees
 - b. our regional sales managers
 - c. our distribution
 - d. our customer base
 - e. our key customers and VIP's
 - f. our competition ?
- 6) We need to establish a single company spokesperson to deal with media inquiries
- 7) All communications must be consistent

How do we accomplish this?

- 1) We need to prepare an official Second Chance press release. Toyobo should do the same with the same consistent message.
- 2) We need to prepare a series of anticipated questions and answers. These should be used by all who communicate with customers, end users etc.
- 3) The following communications need to be prepared
 - a. Letter to customers
 - b. Web site update
 - c. Sales meeting agenda
 - d. Handout/brochure/info pac to give to those who want more info
 - e. An ad regarding our position and plan for publication in trade magazines
 - f. An editorial / article to be placed in trade publications
- 4) We need to prepare an ad placement schedule including placement of ad dealing with issues and ads dealing with new products
- 5) We need to launch an all out editorial campaign to have our message disseminated by friendly trade publications.....L&O, Police Beat, Police Chief, ASLET Trainer, Women in Police etc.
- 6) We need to hold a training seminar for our RSM's and key employees to teach them about this issue and how to communicate it.
- 7) We will need to send out communication packages to our customer base, both end users and dealers
- 8) We will need to contact directly from the factory our Key Distributors, Key Customers and VIP customers. RSM's to contact remainder of distribution and customer base
- 9) We will need to launch a new product line including ad placement and editorial support. Creative work will need to be accomplished on both.
- 10) Pray!!

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Dear Yoshi,

Greetings again, from the beautiful lakes and woods of Northern Michigan, and many thanks for your prompt response to my August 13, 2001, letter, with revised Confidentiality Agreement. This communication is protected by that agreement, now signed by both parties.

As you know, recent concerns expressed by DSM and Mehler in Germany have raised questions about the suitability of ZYLON® fiber for personal body armor. To everyone's surprise, Toyobo's own "accelerated aging" studies have indicated that - under certain high temperature and humidity conditions far beyond normal operating conditions - ZYLON® fiber does not have the same relative durability as aramids. Just what that means, if anything, in actual personal body armor end use conditions is unknown.

Because of these concerns and differences, Second Chance Body Armor decided that it is reasonable and prudent to go out into our US customer base and repatriate ZYLON® vests that had been in service for 1½ to 2½ years and test their ballistic performance durability. We have begun this process by offering to trade used 7th-8th generation ULTIMA® 100% ZYLON® vests for our newer, 9th generation ULTIMA® products, for evaluation purposes, free of charge. Based upon our prior experience in testing used aramid vests, we are trying to cover a broad cross section of geographical regions, climates and working conditions across the US, and to obtain information about how each end-user used the vest.

Our general test protocol is simple: We try to get several vests from a department in each region. We ask for heavily used vests, plus one that was used infrequently or, preferably, not at all. On receipt of these vests, we examine each one, making notes and digital pictures of its visible condition. We then send the ballistic pads to an independent lab for 9mm, 124 gr., V-50 Ballistic Limit testing. Each set of test vests is accompanied by a brand new 12" X 12" "New Control" of the same design, and (where possible) a seldom or unused "Vintage Control" of the same design and ≥ age. Past experience tells us that the single most important factor in running such tests is to have adequate, valid controls - both "New" and "Vintage".

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At this time, we are about halfway through our preliminary evaluations. Like Toyobo, when it started its accelerated aging studies, we too were surprised at the preliminary results. Following are our early findings. As you will see, much more testing is needed but we also have to start getting help from Toyobo scientists in defining the cause or causes of what we are measuring:

Preliminary Findings and Diagnostic Help Needed From Toyobo:

#1. Unused or seldom used "Vintage Controls" up to 2½ years old perform as well as "New Controls", indicating the "Early Shelf Life" for the Zylon® vest packs is good.

When removed from their GORE-TEX ComfortCOOL® covers "Vintage Controls" that had been seldom worn and/or used for trade show samples exhibited some "darkening" of the outside layers of Zylon®. This was not present on the "New Controls." We hypothesize that this "darkening" is UV(ultraviolet light)-related. **We need Toyobo's help in confirming this.**

#2. Heavily worn, well cared for vests up to 2½ years old from some regions consistently show a 2-4% performance shift vs. controls. This is unexpected, based upon aramid experience. At this time, it is impossible to know whether or not this change is 'progressive' (i.e. will continue with further use).

When removed from their covers these vests also show "darkening" of the outside layers of Zylon®. Both the degree of "darkening" - and the number of layers affected - appears to be more than that seen in good performing vintage controls. Although this observation leads us to suspect UV-exposure, we can not know without Toyobo's help if this is a causal relationship or a coincidental observation.

#3. Some heavily worn vests from other regions can show higher performance shifts in the 8-12% range. These vests usually showed signs of very poor care. Again, we do not know if this is 'progressive.' Again, when removed from their covers these vests also show "darkening" of the outside layers of Zylon®, with the degree of "darkening" - and the number of layers affected - usually appearing to be higher. Again, the causal relationship is unknown.

Some of these vests also appear to have been heavily sweat-saturated through the pad cover seams, but again how this might affect performance is unknown (at least one pad that appears heavily saturated with sebum, or sweat residue performed well).

We do not believe that any of the vests described above have become inadequate in their certified protective capabilities. But we do need help to understand the cause or causes of the unexpected shift in performance data, and particularly whether or not it might continue with continued use. Also, we feel that much more old used vest testing is needed, and Second Chance is expanding its testing to more regions and more different agencies. We will continue to define the scope of this unexpected phenomena.

We need Toyobo's immediate help in defining the cause or causes of these performance changes, along with effective preventive measures and/or solution(s). We know from prior aramid experience that any of the following things can lead to performance changes:

- UV-exposure
- Bleach, acid, or chemical exposure
- Flex Fatigue
- Abrasion

Toyobo's recent disclosure teaches us to also suspect hydrolysis. The lower performing vests tend to come from humid regions. Toyobo may have other theories about other causes for these changes.

We propose to send Toyobo representative samples of the various levels of performance discussed above. We ask that you mobilize your best scientists to quickly evaluate these samples so that we can all understand the cause or causes. Naturally, we also need to understand whether it is likely that these performance shifts will continue to increase with further use. Since we suspect some of the vests may contain heavy buildup of sebium (sweat residue) deposits, at some time in your evaluation each sample needs to undergo a solvent extraction to evaluate this.

If you wish to appoint another contact person to coordinate these evaluations, just let me know. Also, if it would be helpful, I will be happy to come to Japan to assist you in any way possible.

To summarize, Second Chance needs Toyobo's help to determine the cause or causes of unexpected early performance shifts in Zylon® vests, as well as whether or not such shift may continue, with continued use. First, we believe we need to cooperate together to understand this. Then, we will need to work together to define preventive measures for future production and corrective measures, if needed, for products already sold.

Second Chance views this issue to be very important, but manageable, thanks to the circumstances that resulted in our early awareness of it. Second Chance wants Toyobo to know that Second Chance continues to be dedicated to the long term success of life-saving Zylon® body armor solutions. We thank you for your continuing support and look forward to your rapid response.

Sincerely,



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Subject: August 30 FAX

Thank you for your prompt response and new information.

#1. I did not misread the time scale on the "room temperature" data. The data I was referring to in Mr. Kuroki's August 28, 2001 Graph in his August 28, 2001 letter. That graph only goes to 1000 days, and it does indicate about a 4-5% strength loss in 1000 days. If I assume a straight-line relationship, as opposed to a logarithmic (as non-scientific people would tend to do) that projects to a 9.1% strength loss after five years and an 18.3% loss after ten. Putting the August 28 graph in the wrong hands could be disastrous. Now, the August 29th graph does project only 5% after 10 years, but only if we use the "funny" log graph paper, WHICH MAY BE TECHNICALLY CORRECT, BUT IS VERY CONFUSING TO JUST ABOUT 99.99% OF ALL PEOPLE.

This is the first time I've seen this August 29th projection. It, with your further clarifications, is much more encouraging. It also fits my ballistic data, which shows no measurable decline in ballistic performance in over 2.5 years in shelf samples. Putting our best collective foot forward, we have a great story to tell our customer base.

Timeout!

Now folks, I'm on your side. I'm really hoping Toyobo is about to announce to the world that Zylon - if produced and cared for properly - can have ten-year durability. Nobody outside Toyobo has more desire to see ZYLON continue to succeed than I do. But Toyobo, WITH ALL THE BEST INTENTIONS, is still shooting themselves in the foot with bad, alarming communications about this matter. The August 28, 2001 letter is just another example. It really bothered Richard and I, and doubtless a few others. PLEASE, PLEASE MAY I HELP YOU WITH HOW YOU SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY?

Free Advice:

Toyobo should never, ever show any of these graphs to the public. Get yourselves some marketing communications help and package your story in a manner in which all of us can draw realistic, confident conclusions about how we should react.

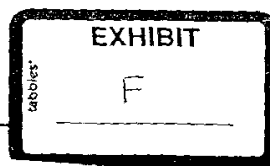
On to the rest of your FAX:

#2. Your point of not knowing how the time scale is related to actual using time is quite important. Also, Neither the body nor the vest ever gets to 40 degrees C nor 80% humidity, although it may get close for short periods of time. Here again, these studies take no other factors into consideration.

#3. Your analysis of yarns taken out of inner and outer layers is exactly what I was hoping for. My working hypothesis is that - in spite of all the barriers - we may be getting in too much light in certain very high sunlight end-use conditions, thus and getting some damage to the outer layers. The back panel to #11991057 appears to have been abused with very poor care, and misused, by inserting in the carrier backwards, some of the time (is "sunburned" on both sides).

If the lighter, more normal colored layers are holding their strength, we can add more opacity to the pack or screen the Zylon with a little aramid or some other opaque layer.

#4. The filling yarn strength retention chart comparing 30 X 30 and 45 X 45 materials is interesting. But the real problem is better illustrated in the Warp yarn data as compared to the Fill ("The chain is only as strong as its weakest link"). This appears to be the 30 X 30 fabric. Do you also have these data for the 25 X 25 fabric (our newest, 9th generation material is a 25 X 24)?



8/29/2001

Sebum:

Hopefully, you'll also be able to tell me what impact on performance - if any - you think that heavy sweat getting in at the seams has had.

Bavaria:

Depending on Toyobo's analysis, I want to clarify the Bavarian product:

First, it is very heavily built, at .78 psf (3.7Kg/Sq M). It is 13% heavier than our corresponding NIJ "04" certified IIIA, at .67 psf (3.3Kg/Sq M).

Second, the GORE-TEX laminate used in this product is the new "Twilight" product, which is certified to stop UV-A (315-400nm) and UV-B (280-315nm) at the .05% level, which is 1/10th of the \leq .5% Davarian requirement. I presume that this implies some pretty impressive visible spectrum blockage, as well. We probably need to check this with Toyobo's Zenon weatherometer before we meet with Bavaria. We should probably do it with 25 X 25 fabric and perhaps evaluate it with and without a couple of additional screening fabrics. If you agree that this is reasonable and prudent, let me know what you'll need and I'll bring them to our meeting.

Third, as it relates to Sebum, the vest we certified in Germany is completely seam sealed. It has to be to pass the ballistic test after submersion in water for two hours. No sweat, water, beer or doughnut dust is going to get inside the Bavarian vest.

Fourth, You should know that Second Chance is already moving toward adopting both the "Twilight" GORE-TEX and seam sealing for global production of ZYLON vests. At this time, it just seems like the right thing to do. We may also add additional opaque layers, or Twaron, or Zylon to future designs if it appears to be the right thing to do.

Finally, we will need to work together to deal with the ZYLON vests currently in the field, once we know what is happening and project how it may or may not progress. Working together, we can continue to keep our customers safe and confident in their ZYLON vests.

That's all for now. Thank you all again, for all your assistance and support in this matter. Thank you also for letting me "vent" a little. Personal regards, Ed Bachner

8/29/2001



July 11, 2003

Re: Forest Hills, PA

We have been tracking the Forest Hills, PA incident since it occurred on June 23rd 2003. Firstly, we are pleased to report that the officer is now at home and recovering.

What we do know is that the front panel of the Ullima® level 2A was penetrated by a .40 caliber projectile. The vest was manufactured in December of 2002 and issued in January of 2003. The bullet is still inside the officer.

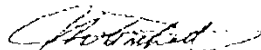
Pursuant to our root cause analysis, an Officer of Second Chance Body Armor met with representatives from the Forest Hills, PA Police Department, the Allegheny County Crime Laboratory, the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC), the National Institute of Standards and Technology Office of Law Enforcement Standards (NIST/OLES), the District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania State Police to examine the available evidence and investigate the incident. The various disciplines, together, focused their examinations on the vest construction, ballistic fabric construction, and the characteristics of the penetration. Initial on-site review of the vest construction (layer count, stitch patterns, etc.) and the ballistic fabric weave found both to be equivalent to that which was originally certified by NLECTC to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) STD 0101.04. A Second Chance review of the Critical Material Properties showed the ballistic material lot used to produce the vest met all specifications. The vest resides with the crime laboratory in Allegheny County.

Based on the aforementioned findings, the group agreed to cooperate further. The review will now focus on the ballistics of the handgun, the velocity, geometry and construction of the bullet, the dynamics of the impact, as well as other circumstances in determining the cause of the penetration. NLECTC and NIST/OLES will lead the review of this matter, with all other parties cooperating.

Results for this collective investigation could take 30 to 45 days, and we will communicate factual, accurate information as it becomes available. The point of this communication is officer safety. We are concerned that officers will discontinue wearing their vests, due to the negative publicity, sensationalism, unethical competitive practices and self-serving claims that contribute to misinformation in the marketplace.

We at Second Chance Body Armor maintain complete confidence in our products and continue to encourage all officers to wear their armor daily.

Sincerely,



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September 9, 2003

Dear Ultima/Ultimax Vest Wearer,

Effective immediately, we are offering a free upgrade for our Zylon-based Ultima and Ultimax body armor.

We're doing this because our in-service vest testing has shown that previously worn Zylon vests wear out sooner than expected and indicates that there is a potential officer safety issue.

The free upgrade includes a set of custom-made ballistic pads which can easily be installed by officers. Once upgraded, the vest will then maintain its expected performance throughout the original warranty period.

Also available is a minimal cost Monarch Summit replacement vest package.

Contact our toll free Hotline (1.800.828.VEST) with the serial number of your original vest so we can begin manufacture of the custom-made pads or replacement vest right away.

In the meantime, please continue wearing your vest.

Please be assured, that as the concealable body armor industry leader for over 30 years, our focus continues to be your safety.

Thank you,

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