



## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

### MEMORANDUM

June 22, 2005

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
**URGENT WARNING TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**  
RE: SECOND CHANCE ULTIMA, ULTIMAX AND TRI-FLEX VESTS

On January 15, 2004 the Attorney General's office filed a consumer fraud lawsuit against Second Chance Body Armor, Inc., arising out of Second Chance's advertisement and sale of bullet resistant vests made with a "Zylon" fiber, including the *Ultima*, the *Ultimax*, and the *Tri-Flex* (the "Zylon vests"). Although Second Chance no longer sells Zylon vests, it has expressed confidence in the performance of the *Tri-Flex* vests and has offered *Ultima* and *Ultimax* users supplemental ballistic pads (called "Performance Pacs") as a means for enhancing the performance of those products. Thus, some Arizona law enforcement officers may still be using Second Chance Zylon vests.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Second Chance has now announced that, based on new information, Second Chance recommends that its customers take "immediate steps" to replace *all Tri-Flex* vests and all *Ultima* and *Ultimax* vests, including those with Performance Pacs. Second Chance's "Safety Notices" (copies attached) provide in part that:

Tri-Flex

**"[W]e are no longer confident that our Tri-Flex products, which contain up to 31% Zylon® by weight, will perform to expectations for the life of the original warranty period.**

**AS A RESULT, AND DUE TO A POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, SECOND CHANCE RECOMMENDS THAT YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REPLACE YOUR TRI-FLEX VEST, WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE ONLY AFTER YOU HAVE OBTAINED A REPLACEMENT."**

Ultima and Ultimax with Performance Pacs

**"[W]e are no longer confident that our Ultima and Ultimax products, even when enhanced with non-Zylon® ballistic Performance Pacs, will perform to expectation for the life of the original warranty period.**

**AS A RESULT, AND DUE TO A POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, SECOND CHANCE RECOMMENDS THAT YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REPLACE YOUR ULTIMA OR ULTIMAX VEST, EVEN IF IT IS ENHANCED BY PERFORMANCE PACS. YOUR VEST SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE AFTER YOU HAVE OBTAINED A REPLACEMENT."**

The Arizona Attorney General urges all Arizona law enforcement officers and their employing agencies to seek replacements for any Second Chance *Tri-Flex*, *Ultima* and *Ultimax* vests currently in use.