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## **BLACKHAWK™ AWARDED CONTRACT FOR GERMAN CUSTOMS POLICE WITH LEVEL 3 SERPA™ DUTY HOLSTER**



NORFOLK, VA (December 4, 2006) BlackHawk Products Group™, the world leader in tactical gear, proudly announces that the German Customs Police have chosen the Level 3 SERPA Auto Lock™ Duty Holster for their H&K P-30 pistols. The German Customs Police are the first agency to purchase the Level 3 SERPA's based upon the successful implementation of the SERPA™ Concealment holster for their plainclothes and investigative personnel. Due to the very high level of satisfaction and extensive testing of production prototypes of the Level 3 SERPA™ in competition with Uncle Mike's, Safariland, Gould and Goodrich, and several European manufacturers, the German Customs Police chose the Level 3 SERPA™ Duty Holster to outfit their 13,000 uniformed personnel.

BlackHawk, in conjunction with their German distributor, Helmut Hofmann GmbH, worked with the German Customs Police during the deployment of the SERPA™ Concealment holsters for the agency's investigators and plainclothes personnel. Impressed with the SERPA Concealment holsters and the SERPA Technology™ system for its ability to allow a consistent draw under stress and the immediate retention upon re-holstering, the German Customs Police made the decision to award the contract to BlackHawk for the new Level 3 SERPA's for their uniformed force.

"Our SERPA holster system was seriously tested and evaluated for much of the year, and we are very pleased to receive word that we have been awarded the tender with this German agency," Mike Noell, CEO and President of BlackHawk said. "The delivery process begins mid January 2007 and we expect the transition of the holsters for all personnel to be completed by year end." Noell continued, "Though it delayed the launch of the GLOCK version in the U.S. market by two months, we felt that we had made a commitment to our German distributor to help them win this contract and we followed through on that commitment. The GLOCK version holsters are being built now and will be on the shelf before the end of the month."

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**About BlackHawk™ :**

BlackHawk Products Group™, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, with manufacturing, tooling and design facilities worldwide, was founded in 1993 by President and CEO Mike Noell. As the world leader in supplying tactical equipment to the military and law enforcement, and now hunting-specific gear to outdoor enthusiasts, BlackHawk™ continues to introduce new best-in-class products through intensive internal R&D initiatives and selective acquisitions. BlackHawk's brands include: BlackHawk Armor™, BlackHawk! Blades™, BlackHawk! Law Enforcement™, BlackHawk Tactical and Hydration, M.O.D.®, CQC®, SERPA™, Night-Ops®, Dynamic Entry®, Warrior Wear™, and Wildfire Warrior™.

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