

Purcell security expands

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The NANA Development Corp.-owned Purcell Services Ltd., has announced expansion of its security division services and the hiring of a former Alaska state trooper as vice president.

The expansion was announced by NANA Development president Willie Hensley.

Purcell began in the early 1970's as the NANA Security Systems. "The company provided commercial security and protection since then," said Hensley. The company was "responsible for all security from the Yukon River north during the construction phase of the Trans Alaska Pipeline and since then we have provided a major portion of all petroleum related security in the state," he said.

Purcell provides security for all of SOHIO oil company facilities including those operations in Anchorage.

Hensley also said that Purcell also provides services to many other major Alaskan companies. Services include mobile, mobile patrols, fixed posts, alarms, investigations, executive protection, and security consulting.

"Our goal is to build and maintain the most professional, high-quality security service possible. Consequently, our growth is somewhat cautious. We've put down a strong foundation and now we are building

on that base," said Hensley.

According to Levi Guddie, who is in charge of Anchorage operations, sales and public relations for Purcell, the expansion is primarily into the Anchorage market where Purcell aims to give "very high quality professional services to clients in the industrial sector. Purcell had been serving only oil companies prior to the expansion.

He said Purcell is bidding on a number of contracts in the private sector.

Purcell is able to provide first-rate service to clients, says Guddie, because of the high standards the company has set for employment. Those standards include the requirement that applicants have at least two years of law enforcement experience or a strong background in security company.

Those applicants who pass muster are then trained ex-

tensively "so we wind-up with top quality personnel," said Guddie. He said that many NANA shareholders are employed at the company and that shareholder hire is an important part of the Purcell program.

Guddie said that Purcell expansion has brought the company from about 90 employees to about 130. Most of those employees are working on the North Slope but some 30 persons now are working for SOHIO in Anchorage area.

Arthur English, who recently retired as a captain from the Alaska State Troopers, was hired by Hensley. "Mr. English . . . brings with him more than 21 years experience as a professional law enforcement and public safety officer. His expertise and administrative abilities will aid Purcell greatly in seeking additional contracts where a quality service is required," said Hensley.