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USA Aviation: From Security Officer to CEO of a \$70Million Firm

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Kurus Elavia, formerly the COO of Gateway Security, Newark has been elevated to CEO of the firm. After earning graduate degrees in Business from Bombay University, Elavia joined Gateway S

ecurity in 1988 as a security officer when it was an \$11 million company. He steadily worked his way up the ranks to CEO providing and executing the strategic planning that resulted in growing Gateway Security to nearly 4,000 employees and \$70 million in revenues.

"Kurus Elavia is a proven executive with an exceptional blend of strategic, analytic, business and leadership skills," said Lou Dell'Ermo Chairman and founder. "Kurus' selection was endorsed unanimously by our board and we are confident that he is the ideal person to sustain Gateway Security's strong performance and lead the Company into the next chapter of its history."

"I am honored and excited to lead Gateway Security, I look forward to building upon our success and working with our outstanding leadership team and Board of Directors," said Elavia. "Gateway is one of the leading security and customer service companies in this region. We I have a long and innovative tradition of protecting with integrity and serving with excellence."

Gateway Security, Inc. is privately held and located in Newark, New Jersey. It delivers premium security and customer relationship services to the region's three major airports, largest healthcare facilities, many Fortune 50 companies and international real estate management companies. The company is known for its superior customer service, expert recruitment, security training and retention of its employees. Gateway Security was recognized as the Fastest Growing Urban Company for three consecutive years by Inc. Magazine. In 2004, Gateway Security was named the New Jersey Family Business of the Year by the Rothman Institute Family Business forum at Fairleigh Dickenson University.

Mr. Elavia was named one of the NJBiz¹'s 40 under 40 in 2004. In 2006 he was awarded the Asian American Leadership Award by the Asian American Association for Human Services. He is a member of the advisory board of the Rothman Institute for Entrepreneurial studies at Fairleigh Dickenson University and of the American Association of Airport Executives Training and Diversity Board. He is featured in the best seller Speak from the Heart by Dr Steve Adubato and is often a featured speaker on physical security matters. He earned his Karate black belt from Japan and lives in Chester, NJ with his wife Purba and their daughter Anushka.

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