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FIRST ADVANTAGE CORPORATION ACQUIRES DATA RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 30, 2005—First Advantage Corporation (**NASDAQ: FADV**), a leading risk mitigation and business solutions provider, today announced the acquisition of Data Recovery Services, Inc., a national provider of business and consumer data recovery services, headquartered in Dallas. The addition of this new business line complements First Advantage's computer forensics operations by adding additional court-certified forensic experts, clean rooms and advanced engineering expertise to the company's existing data collection capabilities.

Founded in 1998, Data Recovery Services (DRS) recovers lost data from crashed, corrupted or damaged digital storage media or operating systems. With facilities in McLean, Va., Houston, and Dallas, DRS engineers use proprietary and customized diagnostic and recovery software and mobile clean rooms to facilitate the recoveries. DRS also offers computer forensics services and expert testimony to complement First Advantage CoreFacts group's national forensic practice. When combined, the group will service attorneys from a majority of the nation's largest law firms and many Fortune 500 companies.

"We are pleased to welcome DRS to First Advantage's Investigative Services division," said John Long, chief executive officer of First Advantage Corporation. "DRS enhances our current forensics business, while the addition of data recovery services expands our service offerings for businesses, consumers and law firms—creating cross selling opportunities with existing customers."

DRS will be integrated with First Advantage's Investigative Services division and will report to Andrew Levetown, chief executive officer of the CoreFacts group.

About First Advantage Corporation

First Advantage Corporation (**NASDAQ: FADV**) provides best-in-class single-source solutions for global risk mitigation and enterprise and consumer screening needs. Incorporating state-of-the-art technology, proprietary systems and data resources, First Advantage is a leading provider of employment background screening, drug-free workplace programs and other occupational health testing, employee assistance programs, resident screening, motor vehicle records, investigative services, computer forensics and electronic discovery services, supply chain security, corporate tax and incentive services, and consumer location services. First Advantage ranks among the top three companies in all of its major business lines. First Advantage is headquartered in St. Petersburg, Fla., and has more than 1,700 employees in offices throughout the United States and abroad. Further information about the company is available at www.FADV.com.

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First Advantage is a majority-owned subsidiary of The First American Corporation (NYSE: FAF), a Fortune 500 company that traces its history to 1889. First American is the nation's largest data provider, supplying businesses and consumers with information resources in connection with the major economic events of people's lives. Additional information about the First American Family of Companies can be found at www.firstam.com.

This press release contains statements relating to future results of the company that are considered "forward-looking statements." These statements, which may be expressed in a variety of ways, including the use of future or present tense language, relate to, among other things, cross selling opportunities and enhanced products and services. These forward-looking statements, and other forward-looking statements contained in other public disclosures of the company, are based on assumptions that involve risks and uncertainties and that are subject to change based on various important factors (some of which are beyond the company's control). Factors that could cause the anticipated results to differ from those described in the forward-looking statements include: general volatility of the capital markets and the market price of the company's Class A common stock; the company's ability to successfully raise capital; the company's ability to identify and complete acquisitions and successfully integrate businesses it acquires; changes in applicable government regulations; the degree and nature of the company's competition; increases in the company's expenses; continued consolidation among the company's competitors and customers; unanticipated technological changes and requirements; and the company's ability to identify suppliers of quality and cost-effective data. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied as a result of these risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. The company does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. Investors are advised to consult the company's filings with the SEC, including its 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K, for a further discussion of these and other risks.

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