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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549 FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) <u>August 31, 2006</u> CRAWFORD & COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter) **Georgia**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10356 58-0506554

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5620 Glenridge Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia

30342

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(404) 256-0830

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 30, 2006, the Company entered into a strategic alliance with MJM Investigations, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina. As part of this strategic alliance, the Company is selling all of the operating assets of its wholly owned subsidiary, Crawford Investigation Services, Inc., to MJM Investigations, Inc. On August 31, 2006, the Company issued a press release relating to the divestiture and strategic alliance. A copy of the press release is being filed as an exhibit to this current report

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated August 31, 2006

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY

By: /s/ R. Eric Powers, III

R. Eric Powers, III

Assistant Corporate Secretary

Dated: August 31, 2006