FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Lucky James L</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ ATRC ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6033 SCHUMACHER PARK DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2005							X Officer (give title Officer (specify below)  VP; QA & Healthcare Compliance					
(Street) WEST CHESTER OH 45069  (City) (State) (Zip)				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				•	Execution Date,		Code (Ins	Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 2 5)			Beneficia Owned F Reported	es For ally (D) Following (I) (		Ownership m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V			Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s) and 4)						
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		tive ties red sed 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12	08/10/2005		A		6,578		08/10/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/10/2015	Common Stock	6,578	(2)	6,578		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum commencing on August 10, 2006 (one year from the date of grant).
- 2. Not applicable.

/s/ Thomas J. Etergino as Attorney-in-Fact for James L. 08/15/2005 Lucky.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$ 

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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