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>Cambridge Stephen S</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]							Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (six a title Check Check Cases) Other (cases)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6033 SCHUMACHER PARK DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2006							X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President; Sales				
(Street) WEST CHESTE	ER O	Н	45069	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)									1 613011				
		Tal	ole I - Non-D) Derivativ	⁄e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired, Di	sposed o	f, or Ber	neficiall	y Owned				
Date				Transactio ate Ionth/Day/\	Execution Date,		Code (Instr. 5)		d (A) or r. 3, 4 and		es For ally (D) Following (I) (rm: Direct or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 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		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	i S Illy	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)	\$11.12	02/07/2006		A		10,000		02/07/2007 ⁽¹⁾	02/07/2016	Common Stock	10,000	(2)	10,000	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares on February 7, 2007 (one year from the date of grant) and the remaining 75% thereafter vests and is exercisable in equal monthly installments on the same day of the month over the following three years.
- 2. Not applicable.

/s/ Thomas J. Etergino as Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen S. 02/10/2006 Cambridge

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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