FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hooven Michael D</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]									Relationshi heck all ap X Dire	olicable)	ng Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 7778 BENNINGTON DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2009									Offic belo	er (give title w)		Other (below)	(specify
(Street) CINCINI (City)			45241 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Lir	ne) X Forr	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable m filed by One Reporting Person m filed by More than One Reporting son				
		Tabl	e I - Non	-Deriva	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Disp	osed o	f, or	Bene	ficia	lly Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,		Code (Instr. 5)					d Secur Benef Owne	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(4	A) or D)	Price	Repor Trans (Instr.	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07				07/29	/2009			A		1,488		Α	\$ <mark>0</mark> (1) 7	97,032	I)		
	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 Da if any (Month/Day/\	Date, Transa Code (I					6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	m: ect (D) ndirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted shares awarded pursuant to the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan for services as a director. The shares will vest and be released on July 29, 2010.

/s/ Julie A. Piton as Attorneyin-Fact for Michael D. Hooven

07/31/2009

** 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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