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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|---|--|--|--------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|----------|--|-------|----------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Collar Mark A |   |  |  |        | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ ATRC ] |                             |  |  |          |  |       |                      |  |                | k all applic            | nship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>I applicable)           |  |   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Collar Wark A  |   |  |  |        |  |                             |  |  |          |  |       |                      |  |                | X                       | Directo   | ctor   |   | 10% Ow   | ner                                |  |  |  |
| (Last)<br>382 BISI                                   | (FI   | ,  | (Middle)   |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/14/2017                |                             |  |  |          |  |       |                      |  |                | Officer<br>below)       | (give title   |  | Other (s<br>below)  | pecify   |                                    |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |        |  |                             | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |          |  |       |                      |  |                |                         |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  |   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
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| (Street)   | NIATEL O  |  | 45055  |        |  |                             |  |  |          |  |       |                      |  |                | X                       | Form fi   | led by One   | Repo  | rting Person   | 1                                  |  |  |  |
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| (City)   | (S  | tate)                                      | (Zip)  |        |  |                             |  |  |          |  |       |                      |  |                |                         | Person  |  |   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
|  |   | Tal  | ole I - No   | n-Deri | ivativ   | e Se                        | curi   | ties Ac  | qu       | ıired, I   | Dis   | posed o              | f, or Bei  | nef            | icially                 | Owned   |  |   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                      |   |  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Ye              |        | Execution Date   |                             | Ί.   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  |          | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |       |                      | ) or<br>4 and 5)   |                | es<br>ally<br>Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |                                    |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |        |  |                             |  |  |          | Code V   |       | Amount               | nt (A) or Pr   |                | Price                   |   |  |   | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)                                 |                                    |  |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |  |        | 4/2017   |                             |  |  |          | M  |       | 25,000               | ) A  | 1              | \$13.31                 | 38,   | ,767   |   | D  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |  |        |  |                             |  |  |          |  |       |                      |  |                |                         | 5,300   |  |   |  | Held by<br>spouse <sup>(1)</sup>   |  |  |  |
|  |   |  | Table II -   |        |  |                             |  |  |          |  |       | osed of,<br>onvertib |  |                |                         | Owned   |  | ,   | ,  |                                    |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Day<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/ | Date,  |  | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |          | Date Exe<br>piration I<br>onth/Day                         | Date  |                      | 7. Title and Amoun<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                | curity                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)               | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>Illy  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |        | Code   | ode V                       |  | (D)  | Da<br>Ex | te<br>ercisable  |       | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | or<br>Nu<br>of | ımber                   |   |  |   |  |                                    |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to                         | \$13.31   | 09/14/2017                                 |  |        | M  |                             |  | 25,000   | 02/      | /06/2009 <sup>(</sup>                                      | (2)   | 02/06/2018           | Common<br>Stock  | 25             | 5,000                   | \$0.00  | 25,00  | 0   | D  |                                    |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. The option was granted on February 6, 2008 and is exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum beginning one year from date of grant.

## Remarks:

<u>/s/ Mark A. Collar</u> <u>09/18/2017</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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