

Hooven Michael D  
Form 4  
September 13, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Hooven Michael D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7778 BENNINGTON DR

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45241

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/12/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/12/2012		P	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 1,150 A \$ 7.095	68,394	D	
Common Stock					1,121	I	Held by Son <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					334,211	I	Michael D. Hooven 2004 Trust FBO Michael <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					334,211	I	Michael D. Hooven 2001 Trust

Common Stock	18,421	I	FBO Susan (3)
			Susan Spies 2004 Children's Trust (4)

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

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**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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hooven Michael D 7778 BENNINGTON DR CINCINNATI, OH 45241	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Michael D.  
Hooven 09/13/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

- (1) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (2) Held by Michael D. Hooven 2004 Trust FBO Michael. Mr. Hooven disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Held by Michael D. Hooven 2004 Trust FBO Susan. Mr. Hooven disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Held by Susan Spies 2004 Children's Trust. These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's son. Reporting person is the trustee of that trust. Mr. Hooven disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.

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