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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

ARCH WIRELESS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

039392709

(CUSIP Number)

Abrams Capital, LLC

Attention: David C. Abrams

222 Berkeley Street, 22nd Floor

Boston, MA 02116

(617) 646-6100

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 10, 2003

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of \$\$240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(g), check the following box x.

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Name of Repo	orting Persons, I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)	
Abrams Ca	pital, LLC	
2. Check the Ap	propriate Box if a Member of a Group (See instructions)	
(a) "		
(b) "		
3. SEC Use Only	y	
4. Source of Fun	ds (See instructions)	
AF		
5. Check Box if	Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
6. Citizenship or	Place of Organization	
Delaware		
NUMBER OF	7. Sole Voting Power	
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	0	
OWNED BY	8. Shared Voting Power	
EACH		
REPORTING	1,474,560	
PERSON	9. Sole Dispositive Power	
WITH		

	0
	10. Shared Dispositive Power
	1,474,560
11.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
	1,474,560
12.	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See instructions)
13.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
	7.6%
14.	Type of Reporting Person
	OO Limited Liability Company

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1. N	Name of Repor	ting Persons, I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above person (entities only)	
Ι	David C. Ab	rams	
2. (Check the App	ropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See instructions)	
(:	a) "		
(1	b) "		
3. S	SEC Use Only		
4. S	Source of Fund	s (See instructions)	
A	AF		
5. 0	Check Box if I	Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
6. C	Citizenship or I	Place of Organization	
J	United State	s of America	
NUM	MBER OF	7. Sole Voting Power	
SH	IARES		
BENE	FICIALLY	0	
OWI	NED BY	8. Shared Voting Power	
Е	EACH		
REP	ORTING	1,559,310	
PE	ERSON	9. Sole Dispositive Power	
v	VITH		

	10. Shared Dispositive Power
	1,559,310
11.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
	1,559,310
12.	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See instructions)
13.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
	8.0%
14.	Type of Reporting Person
	IN

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.		
	elates are shares of Class A Common Stock, par value Issuer). The principal executive offices of the Issue chusetts 01581.	
Item 2. Identity and Background.		
	d by Abrams Capital, LLC, a Delaware corporation (n as a Reporting Person and collectively as the Ro	
the following funds: Abrams Capital Partner Delaware limited partnership (Abrams Cap	in the business of providing investment managements I, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Abrams Cotal II) and Whitecrest Partners, L.P., a Delaware liming Funds). The business address and principal executions (22116).	Capital I), Abrams Capital Partners II, L.P., a mited partnership (Whitecrest, and together with
liability company (Pamet Capital), who is	rams Capital, LLC and Managing Member of Pamet sthe investment adviser to Abrams Capital Internation I. (Abrams International). His business address is 2	nal, Ltd., an exempted limited company organized
violations or similar misdemeanors), or have and as a result of such proceeding was or is s	of the Reporting Persons have been convicted in any been a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or a subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining ate securities laws or finding any violation with respec	administrative body of competent jurisdiction future violations of, or prohibiting or
(f) Mr. Abrams is a citizen of the United S	tates of America.	
Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or	Other Consideration.	

The aggregate purchase price of the 128,868 Shares owned by Abrams Capital I was \$258,408, inclusive of brokerage commissions.

The aggregate purchase price of the 996,650 Shares owned by Abrams Capital II was \$1,928,444, inclusive of brokerage commissions.

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The aggregate purchase price of the 349,042 Shares owned by Whitecrest was \$604,228, inclusive of brokerage commissions.

The aggregate purchase price of the 84,750 Shares owned by Abrams International was \$173,034, inclusive of brokerage commissions.

Each of the Funds and Abrams International used its own assets to purchase such Shares which may at any given time include funds borrowed in the ordinary course in their margin accounts.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

From time to time, the Reporting Persons have acquired Shares in the ordinary course of business for investment purposes and have held such Shares in such capacity.

In December 2003, the Reporting Persons have had discussions with members of management and the Board of Directors of the Issuer as well as other shareholders of the Issuer concerning the Issuer pursuing acquisitions of assets or other business combinations in the paging industry. The Reporting Persons believe that such an acquisition or business combination would be highly beneficial to the Issuer and its shareholders. This is a view which the Reporting Persons believe is shared by the Issuer s shareholders. During the past ten days, the Reporting Persons have engaged in discussions with certain other parties in the paging industry to determine whether such types of transactions were economically feasible for the Issuer. Based on these discussions, the Reporting Persons believe that the Issuer can enter into such a transaction on economically attractive terms. Consequently, the Reporting Persons have urged the Board of Directors of the Issuer to actively pursue these types of transactions and as set forth below are exploring various alternative courses of action with respect to their investment.

In connection with the foregoing, the Reporting Persons are considering the feasibility and advisability of various alternative courses of action with respect to their investment in the Issuer including, without limitation, (i) to hold their Shares as a passive investor or as an active investor (including as a member of a group with other beneficial owners of Shares), (ii) to acquire beneficial ownership of additional Shares in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, (iii) to take other actions which could involve one or more of the types of transactions or have one or more of the results described in Item 4 of Schedule 13D (including, without limitation, a change in the present composition of the Board of Directors of the Issuer and to fill any then existing vacancies on the Board), (iv) to enter into agreements with potential business combination partners to facilitate a transaction with the Issuer, or (v) to change their intention with respect to any or all of the matters referred to above or in Item 4. The Reporting Persons decisions and actions with respect to such possibilities will depend upon a number of factors, including, without limitation, the actions of the Issuer with respect to the potential acquisitions or business combinations, market activity in the Shares, an evaluation of the Issuer and its prospects, general market and economic conditions, conditions specifically affecting the Reporting Persons and other factors which the Reporting Persons may deem relevant to their investment decisions.

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Except as set forth herein, no contract, arrar to the acquisition, disposition, voting or hol	ngement, relationship or understanding (either oral or walding of Shares.	written) exists among the Reporting Persons as
Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Iss	suer.	
	rams Capital I, Abrams Capital II, and Whitecrest own attely 0.7%, 5.1%, and 1.8%, respectively, of the 19,48	
	in its capacity as investment adviser to the Funds, had nately 7.6% of the 19,480,522 Shares outstanding as rep	
As of December 19, 2003, Abrams Internat outstanding as reported in publicly available	ional owned beneficially 84,750 Shares, representing a e information.	pproximately 0.4% of the 19,480,522 Shares
	n its capacity as investment adviser to Abrams Internation approximately 0.4% of the 19,480,522 Shares outstands	
	his capacities as Managing Member of Abrams Capital sect to 1,559,310 Shares, representing approximately 8.0	
(c) There have been no transactions in the	e Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons e	ffected during the past sixty days.
(d) Not applicable.		
(e) Not applicable.		
Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Un	derstandings or Relationships with Respect to Secu	rities of the Issuer.

Each of the Funds and Abrams International from time to time may enter into and unwind, cash settled equity swap or other similar derivative transactions with respect to the Shares. These arrangements do not and will not give the Reporting Persons voting or investment control over underlying Shares and, accordingly, the Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of any such Shares.

Except as set forth in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D and as previously disclosed, none of the Reporting Persons has any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including but not limited to, any contract,

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-	concerning the transfer or voting of any securities of the es of profits, division of profits or loss or the giving or v	-
Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits		
None.		

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	SIGNATURES	
After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowled and correct.	ge and belief, I certify that the information se	t forth in this statement is true, complete
Date: December 19, 2003		
	ABRAMS CA	APITAL, LLC
	By:	/s/ David C. Abrams
		Name: David C. Abrams
		Title: Managing Member
	DAVID C. A	BRAMS
	Ву:	/s/ David C. Abrams
		David C. Abrams