

CERUS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Greenman William Mariner

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE  
(Street)

CONCORD, CA 94520

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CERUS CORP [CERS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2017

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)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2017                           |  | M                              |   | 22,500  | A  | 11  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 325,724   | (2)  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2017                           |  | S                              |   | 8,786   | D  | \$  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 4.2101  | (3)  | 316,938   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | D   |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | (1)  | 03/10/2017                           |  | M                              | 22,500  | (4) (4)  | Common Stock  | 22,500                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Greenman William Mariner<br>C/O CERUS CORPORATION<br>2550 STANWELL DRIVE<br>CONCORD, CA 94520 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

William M. Greenman by Chrystal Menard,  
attorney-in-fact

03/15/2017

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.

(2) Includes 4,941 shares purchased under Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on February 28, 2017.

Represents the number of shares required to be sold to cover the statutory tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of

(3) the restricted stock units listed in Table II. This sale is mandated by the election to satisfy the minimum statutory tax withholding obligations through a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary sale by the reporting person.

(4) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2017.

(5) Not applicable.

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