

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol   |  |
| Â Blackey Brent G                         |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS INC [CSII]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 651 CAMPUS DRIVE                          |         | 12/29/2008                           | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mbr of 13(d) grp owng > 10% |  |
| ST. PAUL,Â MNÂ 55112                      |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)   |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                    |  |   |  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|   |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date Exercisable    Expiration Date                         | Title    Amount or Number of Shares  |  |  |  |

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|                                 |            |            |              |        |         |   |   |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|---------|---|---|
| Series A-1 Conv Preferred Stock | Â (1)      | Â (1)      | Common Stock | 6,086  | \$ (1)  | D | Â |
| Series B Conv Preferred Stock   | Â (2)      | Â (2)      | Common Stock | 5,049  | \$ (2)  | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy)     | Â (3)      | 10/08/2017 | Common Stock | 60,000 | \$ 5.11 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy)     | 10/09/2007 | 10/08/2017 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 5.11 | D | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |                             |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                       |
| Blackey Brent G<br>651 CAMPUS DRIVE<br>ST. PAUL, MN 55112 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Mbr of 13(d) grp owng > 10% |

## Signatures

/s/ Carlye S. Landin as Attorney-in-Fact for Brent G. Blackey pursuant to Power of Attorney filed herewith.

12/29/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 share of Series A -1 convertible preferred stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election, into 1.03 shares of common stock and has no expiration date.
- (2) Each share of Series B convertible preferred stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election, into 1.01 shares of common stock and has no expiration date.
- (3) Exercisable in three equal increments of 20,000 on each of 10/9/08, 10/9/09 and 10/9/10.

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