

GEN PROBE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GARGAN PAUL E**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**GEN-PROBE  
INCORPORATED, 10210  
GENETIC CENTER DRIVE**

(Street)

**SAN DIEGO, CA 92121**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**01/19/2012**

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)  
**SVP, Business Dev.**

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/19/2012                           |  | <u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>        | 4,000 A \$ 49.29  | 20,119  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/19/2012                           |  | <u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>        | 5,000 A \$ 42.66  | 25,119  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/19/2012                           |  | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>        | 9,000 D \$ 63   | 16,119 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 49.29   | 01/19/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,000   | <sup>(3)</sup> 08/15/2013                                | Common Stock  | 4,000                         |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 42.66   | 01/19/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,000   | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/10/2017                                | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                    |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other              |
| GARGAN PAUL E<br>GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED<br>10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 |               |           |         | SVP, Business Dev. |

## Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/23/2012

\_\_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 transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person in December 2011.
  - (2) The amount reported includes an aggregate of 180 shares of common stock acquired under the Gen-Probe Incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the reporting person last filed a Form 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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- (3) The shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on August 15, 2010.
- (4) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on February 10, 2011, and the remaining shares vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

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