

Benjamin Richard J
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Benjamin Richard J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550
STANWELL DRIVE

(Street)

CONCORD, CA 94505

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/10/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Medical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/10/2018		M		3,000	A	<u>11</u>	4,832	D
Common Stock	03/12/2018		S		1,032 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 4.8015 <u>(3)</u>	3,800	D
Common Stock	03/12/2018		M		7,500	A	<u>11</u>	11,300	D
Common Stock	03/13/2018		S		2,648 (2)	D	\$ 5.05	8,652	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. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/10/2018		M	3,000	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	3,000	9
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/12/2018		M	7,500	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	7,500	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Benjamin Richard J C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94505	Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

Richard J. Benjamin by Chrystal Menard,
attorney-in-fact

03/13/2018

____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.

Represents the number of shares required to be sold to cover the statutory tax withholding obligations and corresponding brokerage fee in connection with the vesting of 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.

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- The reported price in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.80 to \$4.9552 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the aforementioned range set forth.
- (3)
 - (4) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2017.
 - (5) Not applicable.
 - (6) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2018.

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