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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Green Kevin Dennis

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CERUS CORP [CERS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

10% Owner

C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550

STANWELL DRIVE

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 03/01/2012

below) below)

Chief Accounting Officer

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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(Instr. 4)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CONCORD, CA 94520

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	, (Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.75	03/01/2012		A		95,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2022	Common Stock	95,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Green Kevin Dennis

C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520

Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

Kevin D. Green by Lori L. Roll, attorney-in-fact

03/01/2012

**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).
- One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after the transaction date and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.
- (2) Not applicable.

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