

AKORN INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
WHITNELL JEFFREY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE
(Street)

BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AKORN INC [AKN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/20/2006

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 below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/20/2006		A	100,000	A 115,408	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)

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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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.05	04/20/2006		A	167,000	(3)		04/20/2011		Common Stock	167,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITNELL JEFFREY A 2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Jeffrey A
Whitnell
04/24/2006
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Issued in the form of a Restricted Stock Award on April 20, 2006. 50% of the award (50,000 shares) to vest on the one-year anniversary of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the two-year anniversary of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the three-year anniversary of the date of grant.
- (1) of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the two-year anniversary of the date of grant. 25% of the award (25,000 shares) to vest on the three-year anniversary of the date of grant.
 - (2) There was no consideration given in exchange for the security.
 - (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on April 20, 2006.

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