

LESTER JOSEPH P
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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 *
LESTER JOSEPH P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CRITICARE SYSTEMS INC /DE/ [CMD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2006

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
VP and General Manager

CRITICARE SYSTEMS, INC., 20925 CROSSROADS CIRCLE, SUITE 100
(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WAUKESHA, WI 53186
(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, par value \$.04 per share | 02/22/2006 | | M | | 18,250 | A | \$ 2.97 |
| Common Stock, par value \$.04 per share | 02/22/2006 | | S | | 18,250 | D | \$ 5 0 |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock Option | \$ 2.97 | 02/22/2006 | | M | 18,250 ⁽²⁾ | 04/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 04/06/2006 | Common Stock 18,250 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LESTER JOSEPH P CRITICARE SYSTEMS, INC. 20925 CROSSROADS CIRCLE, SUITE 100 WAUKESHA, WI 53186 | | | VP and General Manager | |

Signatures

Joseph P. Lester 02/22/2006

__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 common stock option vested pro rata over a four-year period on each of April 6, 2002, April 6, 2003, April 6, 2004 and April 6, 2005.

Pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO") entered into between the reporting person and the reporting person's former spouse, the economic benefits associated with 27% of the shares underlying the common stock option were transferred by the reporting person to his former spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares transferred pursuant to the QDRO.

(2) Consequently, the amount of the common stock option that was exercised for the benefit of the reporting person was 73% of 25,000 and the amount of the common stock option beneficially owned after the exercise was 0. The reporting person's former spouse is deemed to beneficially owned the remaining portion of the option exercised (6,750 option shares).

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