

DEANS LAWRENCE
Form 4
December 27, 2005

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DEANS LAWRENCE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY
WAY

(Street)

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC
[BEV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2005

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)
Senior VP-Human Resources

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		F		2,788 (1)	D \$ 11.77	41,239 D
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		F		5,145 (1)	D \$ 11.77	36,094 D
\$.10 Par Value Common	12/23/2005		F		3,361 (1)	D \$ 11.77	32,733 D

