

CERUS CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Witney Frank

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE

(Street)

CONCORD, CA 94520

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/08/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	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)	\$ 6.08	06/08/2016	A	20,743					(1)	06/07/2026	Common Stock	20,743
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	06/08/2016	A	10,133					(4)	(4)	Common Stock	10,133

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Witney Frank C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520	X			

## Signatures

Frank Witney, by Chrystal Menard,  
attorney-in-fact 06/10/2016

\_\_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 option shall vest in twelve (12) equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of the transaction date with the final vesting date being the earlier of (a) one year from the date of grant, or (b) the day prior to the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock unit shall vest on the earlier of (a) one year from the date of grant, or (b) the day prior to the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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