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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Spangler Jonathan

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

(Middle) (Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

4545 TOWNE CENTRE COURT

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

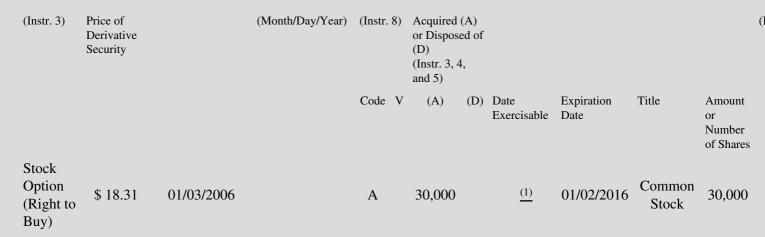
Execution Date, if any

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Spangler Jonathan

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Signatures

/s/ Jonathan 01/04/2006 Spangler

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - 25% of the total number of shares subject to this option shall vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the vesting
- (1) commencement date (01/03/06) and 2.0833% of the total number of shares subject to this option shall vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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