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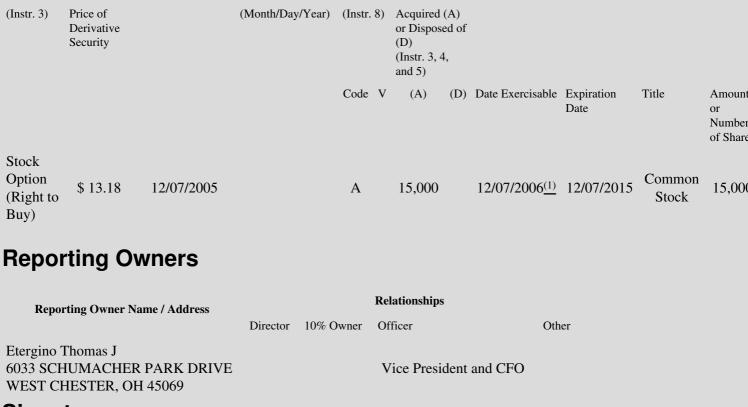
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CURIVI 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549							N OMB Number:	3235-0287	
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(Print or Type Respo	nses)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Etergino Thomas J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest T	ransaction		(Che	ck all applicabl	6)
6033 SCHUMACHER PARK DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2005				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President and CFO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
	ansaction Date hth/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	(A) or of (D)	Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Reminder: Report or	n a separate line	for each cla	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially ow	ned 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount o
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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Signatures

/s/ Thomas J.	12/09/2005		
Etergino	12/09/2003		

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares on December 7, 2006 (one year from the date of grant) and the remaining 75% (1)thereafter vests and is exercisable in equal monthly installments on the same day of the month over the following three years.
- (2) Not applicable.

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