

# SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC

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## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Industry	Misc. Financial Services
Sector	Financial
Fiscal Year	12/31

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public  
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>LOFTUS JOHN A</b>  <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING, 435 DEVON PARK DRIVE</b>  <small>(Street)</small>  <b>WAYNE, PA 19087-1945</b>  <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC</b> <b>[ SFE ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X</b> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>Sr. Vice President &amp; CTO</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>12/15/2004</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>	8. Price of Derivative Security <small>(Instr. 5)</small>	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.125	12/15/2004		A	V	225000		(1)	12/15/2012	Common Stock	225000	(2)	225000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Option vesting: 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and in equal monthly installments during the three-year period thereafter.
- (2) Not applicable. Option granted under one of the Issuer's Equity Compensation Plans.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>LOFTUS JOHN A</b> <b>800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING</b>  <b>435 DEVON PARK DRIVE</b> <b>WAYNE, PA 19087-1945</b>			<b>Sr. Vice President &amp; CTO</b>	

**Signatures**

**JOHN A. LOFTUS**

**12/17/2004**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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