

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC

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ROBERTS JOHN JOSEPH

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Address | 435 DEVON PARK DR BLDG 800 WAYNE, PA 19087 |
| Telephone | 6102930600 |
| CIK | 0000086115 |
| Symbol | SFE |
| SIC Code | 6799 - Investors, Not Elsewhere Classified |
| Industry | Misc. Financial Services |
| Sector | Financial |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31 |

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

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROBERTS JOHN JOSEPH <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING, 435 DEVON PARK DRIVE <small>(Street)</small> WAYNE, PA 19087-1945 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC [SFE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">10/15/2004</p> | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|------------|---|--|---|
| | | | 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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Deferred Stock Unit (right to buy) | \$0 (I) | 10/15/2004 | | A | | 1102 | | 10/15/2005 (I) | (I) | Common Stock | 1102 | \$0 | 1102 | D | |
| Deferred Stock Units (right to buy) | \$0 (I) | 10/15/2004 | | A | | 4408 | | 10/15/2004 (I) | (I) | Common Stock | 4408 | \$0 | 4408 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The deferred stock units are payable in stock, on a one-for-one basis. Distributions in respect of the deferred stock units will be made after vesting at times established in accordance with the 1999 Equity Compensation Plan.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROBERTS JOHN JOSEPH 800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING 435 DEVON PARK DRIVE | X | | | |

Signatures

JOHN J. ROBERTS

10/19/2004

** 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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