

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC

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LOFTUS JOHN A

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	6799 - Investors, Not Elsewhere Classified
Industry	Misc. Financial Services
Sector	Financial
Fiscal Year	12/31

FORM 4

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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LOFTUS JOHN A <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 type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President & CTO
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">8/17/2004</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>		

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 <small>(Instr. 8)</small>		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)				Price
Common Stock	8/17/2004		P		100	A	\$1.77	100	D	
Common Stock	8/17/2004		P		1400	A	\$1.78	1500	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 <small>(Instr. 8)</small>		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	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

JOHN A. LOFTUS

8/17/2004

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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