

CERUS CORP
Reported by
ANDERSON TIMOTHY B

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Industry	Biotechnology & Drugs
Sector	Healthcare
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 * ANDERSON TIMOTHY B <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 1145 NORTH GREEN BAY ROAD <small>(Street)</small> LAKE FOREST, IL 60045 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CERUS CORP [CERS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 1/3/2006 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ 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 (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)	Price			

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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.15	1/3/2006		A		15000		(1)	1/2/2016	Common Stock	15000	(2)	15000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option becomes exercisable in 12 equal monthly installments beginning on January 3, 2006.
- (2) Not applicalbe.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ANDERSON TIMOTHY B 1145 NORTH GREEN BAY ROAD LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	X			

Signatures

Timothy B. Anderson by Howard G. Ervin his attorney-in-fact

1/5/2006

** 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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