

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>CORASH LAURENCE M</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE</b>  (Street)  <b>CONCORD, CA 94520</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>CERUS CORP [ CERS ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) <b>Chief Scientific Officer</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>3/10/2018</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

**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			
Common Stock	3/10/2018		M		6000	A	(1)	1445080 (2)	D	
Common Stock	3/12/2018		M		7500	A	(1)	1452580	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/10/2018		M		6000		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	6000	(4)	6000	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/12/2018		M		7500		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	7500	(4)	15000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- (2) Includes 1,089 shares purchased under Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on 8/31/17.
- (3) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2017.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2018.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>CORASH LAURENCE M C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Chief Scientific Officer</b>	

**Signatures**

Laurence M. Corash by Chrystal Menard, attorney-in-fact

3/13/2018

\*\*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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