

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>CORASH LAURENCE M</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 1220 CONCORD AVE SUITE 600</b>  (Street) <b>CONCORD, CA 94520</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CERUS CORP [ CERS ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) <b>Chief Scientific Officer</b>
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>3/12/2020</b>		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
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)	Price			
Common Stock	3/17/2020		M		7500	A	(1)	1759425	D	
Common Stock	3/17/2020		M		15833	A	(1)	1775258	D	
Common Stock	3/17/2020		M		45000	A	(1)	1820258	D	
Common Stock	3/17/2020		S		17500 (2)	D	\$3.5947	1802758	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)	3/12/2020		M			7500	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	7500	(4)	0	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/12/2020		M			15833	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	15833	(4)	15833	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/12/2020		M			45000	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	45000	(4)	90000	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- Represents shares sold pursuant to an instruction intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 that was elected by the Reporting Person on the date of grant to cover statutory tax withholding obligations and corresponding brokerage fee in connection with the vesting of the restricted stock units listed in Table II and does not represent a discretionary sale by the reporting person.
- The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2018.
- Not applicable.
- The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2019.
- The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2020.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CORASH LAURENCE M C/O CERUS CORPORATION 1220 CONCORD AVE SUITE 600 CONCORD, CA 94520			Chief Scientific Officer	

## Signatures

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

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—\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**3/24/2020**

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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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