

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Menard Chrystal (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE (Street) CONCORD, CA 94520 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CERUS CORP [CERS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Chief Legal Officer
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">3/10/2018</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
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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			
Common Stock	3/10/2018		M		5701	A	(1)	13055 (2)	D	
Common Stock	3/12/2018		S		1960 (3)	D	\$4.8014 (4)	11095	D	
Common Stock	3/12/2018		M		7500	A	(1)	28278	D	
Common Stock	3/13/2018		S		2650 (3)	D	\$5.05	25628	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		5701		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	5701	(6)	5700	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	3/12/2018		M		7500		(7)	(7)	Common Stock	7500	(6)	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 3711 shares, 201 shares, 3003 shares, and 2768 shares purchased under Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on 8/31/16, 2/28/17, 8/31/17, and 2/28/18, respectively.
- (3) Represents the number of shares required to be sold to cover the statutory tax withholding obligations and corresponding brokerage fee in connection with the vesting of the restricted stock units listed in Table II. This sale is mandated by the election to satisfy the minimum statutory tax withholding obligations through a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary sale by the reporting person.
- (4) The reported price in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.80 to \$4.9501 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the aforementioned range set forth.
- (5) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2017.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) 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

Menard Chrystal C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520			Chief Legal Officer	
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Signatures

Chrystal Menard

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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