#### HARTNETT JOSEPH M

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARTNETT JOSEPH M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC [MRCY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  3 WHITTEMORE TERRACE		,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2004	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Accounting Officer  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
ANDOVER, N	MA 01810			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	<b>Derivative</b>	Secur	ities Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Ilisti. 4)	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		M	3,750	A	\$ 19.48	4,276	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		M	5,000	A	\$ 19.99	9,276	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	8,750	D	\$ 30.786	526	D	

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acq (A) Disp (D)	urities uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Exercise of ISO Stock Option	\$ 19.48	12/10/2004		M		3,750	07/31/2004	07/31/2012	Common Stock	3,750
Exercise of NQ Stock Option	\$ 19.99	12/10/2004		M		5,000	06/10/2004	06/10/2013	Common Stock	5,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HARTNETT JOSEPH M 3 WHITTEMORE TERRACE ANDOVER, MA 01810

Chief Accounting Officer

## **Signatures**

Joseph M.

Hartnett 12/10/2004

\*\*Signature of Person

Date

Reporting Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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