

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC

Form 4

December 16, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stephens Martin R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY

(Street)

SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC
[MMSI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP of Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person

____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/15/2004		P		2,190	A \$ 14.71	2,190 D
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/15/2004		P		400	A \$ 14.72	2,590 D
Common Stock, No Par Value	12/15/2004		P		100	A \$ 14.73	2,690 D
Common Stock, No	12/15/2004		P		4,710	A \$ 14.75	7,400 D

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Par Value

Common
Stock, No
Par Value

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By 401 (k)
Plan (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock options (right to buy)	\$ 14.48					07/14/2005 ⁽²⁾ 07/14/2009	Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stephens Martin R 1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY SOUTH JORDAN, UT 84095			VP of Sales	

Signatures

Martin R.
Stephens 12/16/2004

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents shares held by the Merit Medical Systems, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust for the Benefit of the reporting person as of 12/06/04.
- (2) The option vests in equal annual installments of 1,000 shares, commencing on July 14, 2005 and continuing through July 14, 2009.

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