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June 08, 2006 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									
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	INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF					Expires:	January 31, 2005		
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(Print or Type Resp	onses)								
1. Name and Addre Person <u>*</u> Merkel Stepl		orting	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	^{ng} 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STURM RUGER & CO INC [RGR]					
(Last) (I	First)	(Middle)	06/01/2006				Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)		
C/O STURM, F COMPANY, IN LACEY PLAC	NC., OI			(Chec	k all applicable)	·	, j		
	E Street)			XDirect Office (give title bel	r Other	ow) Filing	ividual or Join (Check Applicat orm filed by One	ole Line)	
SOUTHPORT,	CT ()6890				Person			
(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Deriva	ative Securiti	es Benefici	ally Owned	l	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 5)	Indirect Benefi	cial	
Reminder: Report of owned directly or in		te line for ea	ach class of securities benefic	ially	SEC 1473 (7-02))			
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Table	e II - Deri	vative Secu	rities Beneficially Owned (e	e.g., puts, call	s, warrants, opt	ions, convert	ible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2		3. Title and Securities U Derivative S (Instr. 4)	nderlying	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	ve Security: Direct (D)		

				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	06/01/2016	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 6.15	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
, or the second s	J	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Merkel Stephen T C/O STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC ONE LACEY PLACE SOUTHPORT, CT 06890	с.	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures							
/s/ Leslie M. Gasper as attorney-in-fact	06/0′	7/2006					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Ι	Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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). **
- The options are exercisable in four installments of 5,000 shares each. The first became exercisable on June 1, 2006, and the remaining (1) three become exercisable in annual installments on June 1, 2007, June 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009.

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