

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CASEY JOHN PATRICK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP [GD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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		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)			
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12/09/2004		G	V	380	D	\$ 0 21,162	D	
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12/09/2004		G	V	190	A	\$ 0 190	I	By son
Common Stock,	12/09/2004		G	V	190	A	\$ 0 190	I	By daughter

\$1.00 par value

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

2,316.8495 <sup>(1)</sup> I

401(k) Plan

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 Derivatives Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

CASEY JOHN PATRICK  
C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION  
2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE  
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

Vice President

## Signatures

Margaret N. House, by power of attorney

12/10/2004

\*\*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) Includes share activity under General Dynamics 401(k) plan since date of reporting person's last ownership report

### Remarks:

The reporting person also has 32,840 stock options, as previously reported.

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