

Mast Therapeutics, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**Roberts Brandi**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 12390 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 150  
  
 (Street)  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Mast Therapeutics, Inc. [MSTX]**  
  
 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/02/2014**  
  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Financial Officer & SVP**  
  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                                       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) |   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|  |                                    |                  |            | Code  | V |                     |                    |                 |                            |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 0.47                            | 01/02/2014       | A          | 101,200   |   | <u>(1)</u>          | 01/02/2024         | Common<br>Stock | 101,200                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Roberts Brandi<br>12390 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 150<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer & SVP |       |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| /s/ Brandi L.<br>Roberts                           | 01/03/2014          |
| <small>**Signature of<br/>Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

## 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).

This option has a January 2, 2014 vesting commencement date and vests and becomes exercisable in 48 substantially equal monthly installments over the 48-month period following the vesting commencement date, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer.

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