DAWSON WILLIAM J

Form 4

October 03, 2007

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAWSON WILLIAM J

(Middle)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Symbol CERUS CORP [CERS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2411 STANWELL DRIVE

10/01/2007

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

(Instr. 4)

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Person

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

CONCORD, CA 94520

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.73	10/01/2007		A	30,000	<u>(1)</u>	09/30/2017	Common Stock	30,000
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.73	10/01/2007		A	25	(3)	09/30/2017	Common Stock	25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

DAWSON WILLIAM J C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2411 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ William J. Dawson by Lori L. Roll, attorney-in-fact

10/03/2007

**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) One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after the transaction date and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Fully vested upon the date of grant.

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