

STAFFORD JOHN S III  
Form 4  
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**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 \*  
Ronin Capital, LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

350 N. ORLEANS STREET, SUITE 2N

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/02/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ 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)
Common Stock	01/02/2018		M	(A) 5,000 (1) A (1)	\$ 0 3,263,508	D (2)	

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)**

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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Unrestricted Stock Award (Right to Acquire)	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/02/2018		M	5,000	<sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ronin Capital, LLC 350 N. ORLEANS STREET SUITE 2N CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975		X		
STAFFORD JOHN S III 350 N. ORLEANS STREET SUITE 2N CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975	X	X		

## Signatures

/s/ Agnes Burda, authorized signatory  
 Date: 01/03/2018  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ John S. Stafford, III  
 Date: 01/03/2018  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) On January 2, 2018, Mr. Stafford received 5,000 shares of unrestricted common stock, which were previously granted on February 27, 2017 subject to his continued service as a director, officer or employee of the Company.
- The reported shares of common stock of Aware Inc. are held in a Class C Capital Account of John S. Stafford, III at Ronin Capital, LLC ("Ronin"), a limited liability company owned and managed by Mr. Stafford. Mr. Stafford is the indirect beneficial owner of all of the shares of common stock of Aware Inc. held of record by Ronin. The rights to purchase shares, pursuant to the Unrestricted Stock Award were granted to Mr. Stafford.

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