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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 *
 PATTERSON LEONE D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4560 HORTON STREET
 (Street)

EMERYVILLE, CA 94608

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CHIRON CORP [CHIR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2005

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)
 Vice President, Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2005		A		1,200 (1) \$ 0 5,743 (2)	D	

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.88	02/22/2005		A ⁽³⁾	8,000	02/22/2006 ⁽³⁾ 02/22/2015	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PATTERSON LEONE D 4560 HORTON STREET EMERYVILLE, CA 94608			Vice President, Controller	

Signatures

Leone D. Patterson by Naima Robinson as Atty-in-Fact 02/24/2005

__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) Represents restricted share rights covering 1,200 shares of the Issuer's common stock awarded to the Reporting Person in an exempt transaction under SEC Rule 16b-3(d), which share rights are subject to certain vesting.
 - Includes the 1,200 shares subject to the restricted share rights awarded to the Reporting Person on February 22, 2005, plus additional
- (2) restricted share rights covering 2,800 shares of the Issuer's common stock previously awarded to her and subject to a vesting schedule tied to her continued employment with the Issuer.
 - Employee Stock Option granted under the Chiron 2004 Stock Compensation Plan in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. Right to exercise vests as to 1/4 of the total shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and monthly thereafter as to 1/48 of the total shares,
- (3) subject to acceleration of vesting upon certain qualifying terminations of employment. The Chiron 2004 Stock Compensation Plan has provisions permitting, in the discretion of the Administrator, the withholding of shares from the grant to satisfy income tax withholding.

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