

GARFINKLE DAVID
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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 *
 GARFINKLE DAVID

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA [CXW]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/04/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President, Finance

NASHVILLE, TN 37215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 (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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	
CXW Common Stock	01/04/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	V	5,000	A \$ 8.75	5,000 D
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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 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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 8.75	01/04/2005		M	5,000	05/22/2002 05/22/2011	CXW Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARFINKLE DAVID 10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD NASHVILLE, TN 37215			Vice President, Finance	

Signatures

David M. Garfinkle
01/05/2005
**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 partial exercise of employee stock option and sale of shares acquired through exercise pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Represents partial exercise of employee stock option that vests in equal increments beginning on May 22, 2002. After the reported exercise, 5,675 shares are vested and the remaining 5,225 shares will vest on May 22, 2005.

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