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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â Green Kevin Dennis
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CERUS CORPORATION,Â 2411 STANWELL DRIVE
(Street)

CONCORD,Â CAÂ 94520
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
03/18/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
CERUS CORP [CERS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Accounting Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	14,871	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	01/02/2016	Common Stock	25,000	$ 10.15	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	10/01/2016	Common Stock	6,150	$ 5.55	D	Â
Optioin (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	09/30/2017	Common Stock	7,500	$ 8.73	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	09/30/2018	Common Stock	11,000	$ 4.19	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	01/11/2019	Common Stock	23,000	$ 0.79	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Green Kevin Dennis C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2411 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD,Â CAÂ 94520	Â	Â	Â Chief Accounting Officer	Â

Signatures

Kevin D. Green by Lori L. Roll, attorney-in-fact	03/26/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after January 3, 2006, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.

(2) The shares subject to the Option shall vest in forty-eight (48) equal monthly installments over 4 years after October 2, 2006.

(3) One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after October 1, 2007, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.

(4) One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after October 1, 2008, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.

(5) One fourth (1/4th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest annually after January 1, 2009.

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