

BENTLEY J THOMAS  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BENTLEY J THOMAS**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NANOMETRICS, INC., 1550  
 BUCKEYE DRIVE

(Street)

MILPITAS, CA 95035

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NANOMETRICS INC [NANO]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/13/2012**

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)

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	02/13/2012		M		2,500	A	\$ 6.61
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M		2,500	A	\$ 6.83
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M		2,500	A	\$ 9.58
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M		2,500	A	\$ 9.93
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M		2,500	A	\$ 7.28

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Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	2,500	A	\$ 5.76	35,237	D
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	2,500	A	\$ 2.11	37,737	D
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	2,500	A	\$ 1.13	40,237	D
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	1,666	A	\$ 1.2	41,903	D
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	1,666	A	\$ 2.71	43,569	D
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	1,666	A	\$ 6.65	45,235	D
Common Stock	02/13/2012		S	24,998	D	\$ 19.7	20,037	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)

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.61	02/13/2012		M	2,500	<u>(1)</u> 04/03/2012		Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.83	02/13/2012		M	2,500	<u>(1)</u> 07/03/2012		Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.58	02/13/2012		M	2,500	<u>(1)</u> 10/02/2012		Common Stock	2,500

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.93	02/13/2012	M	2,500	<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.28	02/13/2012	M	2,500	<u>(1)</u>	04/01/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.76	02/13/2012	M	2,500	<u>(1)</u>	07/01/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.11	02/13/2012	M	2,500	<u>(1)</u>	09/30/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.13	02/13/2012	M	2,500	<u>(1)</u>	12/30/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.2	02/13/2012	M	1,666	<u>(1)</u>	03/31/2014	Common Stock	1,666
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.71	02/13/2012	M	1,666	<u>(1)</u>	06/30/2014	Common Stock	1,666
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.65	02/13/2012	M	1,666	<u>(1)</u>	09/29/2014	Common Stock	1,666

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENTLEY J THOMAS C/O NANOMETRICS, INC. 1550 BUCKEYE DRIVE MILPITAS, CA 95035	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Ronald W. Kisling,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/22/2012

\_\_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) The option becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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