

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP
 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 *
 CASEY JOHN PATRICK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP [GD]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, 2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2004

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

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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 | | 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) | | | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 12/09/2004 | | G | V | 380 | D | \$ 0 21,162 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 12/09/2004 | | G | V | 190 | A | \$ 0 190 | I | By son |
| Common Stock, | 12/09/2004 | | G | V | 190 | A | \$ 0 190 | I | By daughter |

\$1.00 par value

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

2,316.8495 ⁽¹⁾ I

401(k) Plan

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 Derivatives 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CASEY JOHN PATRICK
C/O GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION
2941 FAIRVIEW PARK DRIVE
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

Vice President

Signatures

Margaret N. House, by power of attorney

12/10/2004

**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) Includes share activity under General Dynamics 401(k) plan since date of reporting person's last ownership report

Remarks:

The reporting person also has 32,840 stock options, as previously reported.

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