UNUMPROVIDENT CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Departing De

| GOLDSBERRY RONALD E Symbol | | | r Name and Ticker or Trading | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| | UNUM | UNUMPROVIDENT CORP [UNM] | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) (M | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | V D' | 100 | 0 | |
| ` | | | (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2006 | | | X Director Officer (give below) | | Owner er (specify | |
| | (Street) 4. If Amer | | | endment, Date Original | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| Filed | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| BLOOMFII | ELD HILLS, MI | 18302 | | | | | | More than One Re | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | | 3. | 4. Securi | | | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | |
| Security (Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | Transaction Code | on(A) or D: (Instr. 3, | | ` ′ | Securities Beneficially | Form: Direct (D) or | Indirect Beneficial |
| (111511. 5) | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (msu. 3, | T and | 3) | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (A) | | Reported Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | | A | 4,952 | A | \$ 17.67 | 28,322 (1) | 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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transact | 5. | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title and Amount of | | |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month Day/ Teal) | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of | (Month/Day/ re s l | | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 an | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | , i | | Expiration Date | Title Amo or Nun of Shar | nber | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| GOLDSBERRY RONALD E 3290 CHESTNUT DRIVE BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

By: Christopher A. Parrott on behalf of 05/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- (1) These are all deferred share rights.

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