

CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA  
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**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 \*  
 FERGUSON JOHN D

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)  
 02/16/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

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)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
CXW Common Stock	02/16/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	17,100	A	\$ 0	57,440	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 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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 39.16	02/16/2005		A <sup>(2)</sup>	45,000	02/16/2006 02/16/2015	CXW Common Stock	45,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FERGUSON JOHN D 10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD NASHVILLE, TN 37215	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Todd Mullenger                      02/18/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- The 17,100 restricted shares are subject to vesting over a three-year period based upon satisfaction of certain performance criteria for the
- (1) fiscal years ending December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007. No more than one third of such shares may vest in the first performance period, however, the performance criteria are cumulative for the three-year period.
  - (2) The Company granted to reporting person the option to purchase up to 45,000 shares of common stock vesting over a three-year period on the anniversary date of the grant in equal increments.

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