

AtriCure, Inc.
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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 *
JOHNSTON RICHARD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1200

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/28/2009

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 or Price | | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/28/2009 | | A | 3,094 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 11,658 | D | Held by Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-A, LP (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 969,225 | I | Held by Camden Partners Strategic |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 57,496 | I | Held by Camden Partners Strategic |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSTON RICHARD M 500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1200 BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Julie A. Piton as Attorney-in-Fact for Richard M. Johnston
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 10/30/2009
 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) Restricted shares awarded pursuant to the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan for services as a director. The shares will vest and be released on October 28, 2010.
- (2) Mr. Johnston is a managing member of Camden Partners Holdings, LLC, which provides investment and management advisory services to Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-A, LP. Mr. Johnston disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by this entity, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.

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Mr. Johnston is a managing member of Camden Partners Holdings, LLC, which provides investment and management advisory services (3) to Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-B, LP. Mr. Johnston disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by this entity, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.

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