

GEN PROBE 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 \*  
CONWAY NIAL M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2004

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)

Executive Vice President

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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/20/2004		M	18,500	A	\$ 12.29	21,003	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S	400	D	\$ 41.82	20,603	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S	1,700	D	\$ 41.83	18,903	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S	582	D	\$ 41.85	18,321	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S	675	D	\$ 41.85	17,646	D	

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Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	1,520	D	\$ 41.87	16,126	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	4,800	D	\$ 41.88	11,326	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	80	D	\$ 41.89	11,246	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	2,032	D	\$ 41.9	9,214	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	982	D	\$ 41.91	8,232	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	689	D	\$ 41.93	7,543	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	1,343	D	\$ 41.95	6,200	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	1,797	D	\$ 41.97	4,403	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	200	D	\$ 41.98	4,203	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004	S	1,700	D	\$ 41.99	2,503	D	
Common Stock						260	I	By Wife

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock	\$ 12.29	12/20/2004		M	15,818	(1)	06/01/2012	Common Stock	15,818

Option (Right to Buy)									
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	12/20/2004	M	2,682	<u>(2)</u>	09/01/2001	Common Stock	2,682	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CONWAY NIALL M 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen, Attorney-in-Fact	12/22/2004
<u>        </u> 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) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
- (2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 9/1/02; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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