

BOWEN R WILLIAM  
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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 \*  
BOWEN R WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GEN-PROBE  
INCORPORATED, 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)  
01/03/2005

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)  
VP, General Counsel

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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M	7,898 A \$ 13.655	7,898	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M	9,102 A \$ 12.29	17,000	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300 D \$ 45.4	15,700	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200 D \$ 45.27	15,500	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	420 D \$ 45.26	15,080	D	

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Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	606	D	\$ 45.25	14,474	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 45.22	14,274	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,557	D	\$ 45.21	9,717	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	963	D	\$ 45.2	8,754	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D	\$ 45.01	8,654	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,400	D	\$ 45	4,254	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	800	D	\$ 44.84	3,454	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,100	D	\$ 44.81	2,354	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D	\$ 44.8	2,154	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 44.54	1,854	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,500	D	\$ 44.53	354	D
Common Stock	01/03/2005	S <sup>(1)</sup>	354	D	\$ 44.52	0	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)

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. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of

								Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.655	01/03/2005	M	7,898	<u>(2)</u>	08/17/2010	Common Stock	7,898
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/03/2005	M	2,461	<u>(3)</u>	09/01/2011	Common Stock	2,461
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/03/2005	M	6,641	<u>(4)</u>	06/01/2012	Common Stock	6,641

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWEN R WILLIAM GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			VP, General Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ R. William  
Bowen 01/05/2005

    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).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 10, 2004.
- (2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 8/17/01; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years
- (3) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 9/1/02; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years
- (4) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years

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