

BENTLEY PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MURPHY JAMES R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BENTLEY PHARMACEUTICALS INC [BNT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**BENTLEY PARK, 2 HOLLAND WAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/23/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman & CEO**

**EXETER, NH 03833**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Common Stock, \$0.02 par value  | 05/23/2008                           |  | M                              | (1)   | 6,750   | A  | \$ 0 424,403 D  |
| Common Stock, \$0.02 par value  | 05/23/2008                           |  | M                              | (1)   | 4,500   | A  | \$ 0 428,903 D  |
| Common Stock, \$0.02 par        |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 12,031 I Company-sponsored 401(k) Retirement Plan     |

value

Common  
Stock,  
\$0.02 par  
value

100 <sup>(2)</sup> I By son

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 (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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                              | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>   | 05/23/2008                           |  | M                              | 6,750  | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock, \$0.02 par value     | 6,750                      |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>   | 05/23/2008                           |  | M                              | 4,500  | <sup>(5)</sup>   | <sup>(5)</sup>  | Common Stock, \$0.02 par value     | 4,500                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| MURPHY JAMES R<br>BENTLEY PARK<br>2 HOLLAND WAY<br>EXETER, NH 03833 | X             |           | Chairman & CEO |       |

## Signatures

James R.  
Murphy

05/23/2008

\*\*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) Represents shares issued from the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) Represents 100 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Murphy's son, as to which Mr. Murphy disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock, \$0.02 par value.
- (4) Restricted stock units were granted under the terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Units vest, and will be issued to the reporting person in two equal installments on 5/23/2009 and 5/23/2010.
- (5) Restricted stock units were granted under the terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Units vest, and will be issued to the reporting person in three equal installments on 5/23/2009, 5/23/2010 and 5/23/2011.

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