

GEN PROBE INC
Form 4
January 23, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GARGAN PAUL E

(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)
01/19/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Business Dev.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/19/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		4,000	A \$ 49.29	20,119	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		5,000	A \$ 42.66	25,119	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		9,000	D \$ 63	16,119 ⁽²⁾	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 (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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.29	01/19/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	4,000	⁽³⁾	08/15/2013	Common Stock	4,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.66	01/19/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	5,000	⁽⁴⁾	02/10/2017	Common Stock	5,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARGAN PAUL E GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			SVP, Business Dev.	

Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/23/2012

__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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person in December 2011.
- (2) The amount reported includes an aggregate of 180 shares of common stock acquired under the Gen-Probe Incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the reporting person last filed a Form 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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- (3) The shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on August 15, 2010.
- (4) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on February 10, 2011, and the remaining shares vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

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