

GEN PROBE INC  
Form 4  
April 18, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Jorgine Ellerbrock

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)  
04/16/2012

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Senior VP, Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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 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)
Common Stock	04/16/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 3,621 A \$ 42.66	8,034	D	
Common Stock	04/16/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	864 A \$ 38.51	8,898	D	
Common Stock	04/16/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,485 D \$ 65.4	4,413	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	912 A \$ 42.66	5,325	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	269 A \$ 38.51	5,594	D	

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.66	04/16/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,621	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/10/2017	Common Stock	3,621
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.51	04/16/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	864	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/17/2016	Common Stock	864
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.66	04/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	912	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/10/2017	Common Stock	912
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.51	04/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	269	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/17/2016	Common Stock	269

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Jorgine Ellerbrock C/O GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Senior VP, Operations

## Signatures

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

04/18/2012

\_\_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 March 2012.
- (2) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on February 10, 2011 and the remaining shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments over the following three years.
- (3) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on August 17, 2010 and the remaining shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

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