

BOWEN R WILLIAM

Form 4

January 09, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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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)
01/09/2006

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)
VP, General Counsel

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	01/09/2006		M		7,494	A	\$ 12.29	18,979	D
Common Stock	01/09/2006		M		2,506	A	\$ 29.525	21,485	D
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$ 52	11,485	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. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/09/2006		M	1,752	<u>(2)</u> 09/01/2011	Common Stock	1,752
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/09/2006		M	5,742	<u>(3)</u> 06/01/2012	Common Stock	5,742
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.525	01/09/2006		M	2,506	<u>(4)</u> 08/15/2013	Common Stock	2,506

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 01/09/2006

**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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 21, 2005.
- (2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 9/1/02; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
- (3) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
- (4) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 8/15/04; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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