FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FERGUSON JOHN D   |   |  |   |       |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA  CXW   |   |         |   |                   |  |  |                                    | 5. Relationship of Reportin<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director |  | g Person(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner                         |   |
|--|---|--|---|-------|---|---|---|---------|---|-------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD  |   |  |   |       |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2006   |   |         |   |                   |  |  |                                    | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  President and CEO      |  |  |   |
| (Street)  NASHVILLE TN 37215  (City) (State) (Zip)   |   |  |   |       |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |         |   |                   |  |  |                                    |   |  | on   |   |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |  |   |       |   |   |   |         |   |                   |  |  |                                    |   |  |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)  |   |  |   |       |   | ear) i  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |         | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)             |                   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 au |  |                                    | Beneficiall<br>Owned Fo   | y (D)  | Ownership<br>rm: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>(Instr. 4)       | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|  |   |  |   |       |   |   |   |         | Code  | v                 | Amount   | (A) or (D)   | Price                              | Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 3 an                              |  |  | (Instr. 4)  |
| CXW Common Stock 03/10/2   |   |  |   |       |   | 06  |   |         | М   |                   | 251,080  | A <sup>(1)</sup>   | \$9.4                              | 6 322,0   | )42  | D  |   |
| CXW Common Stock 03/10/2   |   |  |   |       |   | 2006  |   |         | F   |                   | 128,112  | D <sup>(2)</sup>   | \$41.2                             | 25 193,9  | 930  | D  |   |
| CXW Common Stock 03/10/2   |   |  |   |       | 10/200                                  | )6  |   |         | G   |                   | 122,968  | B D <sup>(3)</sup>   | \$0.0                              | 0 70,9  | 62   | D  |   |
| CXW Common Stock 03/10/2   |   |  |   |       |   | 2006  |   |         | G   |                   | 122,968  | A <sup>(3)</sup>   | \$0.00                             | 0 122,9   | 968  | I  | By<br>Ferguson<br>Revocable<br>Living<br>Trust      |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |   |       |   |   |   |         |   |                   |  |  |                                    |   | -  |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution I<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date, | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | n Derivative E  |         | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Date<br>Month/Day/Yea |                   | e  | 7. Title an<br>of Securit<br>Underlyin<br>Derivative<br>(Instr. 3 an | ies<br>g<br>Security               | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                 | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction | re Owners es Form: ally Direct (  or Indirect d (I) (Insti | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>ect (Instr. 4)           |
|  |   |  |   |       | Code                                    | v   | (A)   |         | Date<br>Exercisa                                    | ble               | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Share | s   | (Instr. 4)   |  |   |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Purchase)   | \$9.46  | 03/10/2006                                 |   | М     |   |   |   | 251,080 | 08/04/200   | 00 <sup>(4)</sup> | 08/04/2010   | CXW<br>Common<br>Stock   | 251,08                             | 0 \$9.46  | 251,080  | D  |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Represents \ partial \ exercise \ of \ employee \ stock \ option \ fully \ vested \ in \ 1/4 \ equal \ increments \ in \ 2000, \ 2001, \ 2002 \ and \ 2003.$
- 2. Shares withheld by the Company to pay exercise price and tax withholding in connection with option exercise.
- 3. Transaction involved gif of shares to revocable living trust for benefit of reporting person's spouse and children.
- 4. Represents partial exercise of completely vested employee stock option that vested in 1/4 increments in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

## Remarks:

John Ferguson

03/13/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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