Pollard Randall E. Form 4 April 23, 2018

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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Pollard Randall E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Symbol

AKORN INC [AKRX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

1925 WEST FIELD COURT SUITE

(Street)

(State)

04/19/2018

below)

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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0.5

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below) SVP of Finance & CAO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

Common 04/19/2018 Stock

Code V 15,356 A \$0 (1)

 $28,187 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ 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)

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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pollard Randall E.

1925 WEST FIELD COURT SUITE 300 LAKE FOREST, IL 60045 SVP of Finance & CAO

Signatures

/s/ Joseph Bonaccorsi,
Attorney-in-Fact
04/23/2018

**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 securities acquired are Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) scheduled to vest in four equal installments on April 19, 2019, April 19, 2020, April 19, 2021 and April 19, 2022.
- The securities beneficially owned by the Reporting Person include 1,106 shares acquired effective December 31, 2017 through the company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Following the reported transaction, the amount of shares beneficially owned includes 26,478 unvested RSUs and 1,709 shares owned outright.

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