

BOWEN R WILLIAM  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
**05/06/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
VP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/06/2005		M	1,061	A	\$ 12.29	6,061 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock	05/06/2005		M	371	A	\$ 13.655	6,432 D
Common Stock	05/06/2005		M	1,068	A	\$ 29.525	7,500 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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.655	05/06/2005		M	371	<sup>(2)</sup> 08/17/2010	Common Stock	371
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	05/06/2005		M	339	<sup>(3)</sup> 09/01/2011	Common Stock	339
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	05/06/2005		M	722	<sup>(4)</sup> 06/01/2012	Common Stock	722
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.525	05/06/2005		M	1,068	<sup>(5)</sup> 08/15/2013	Common Stock	1,068

## 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

05/11/2005

\_\_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) Due to an inadvertent error on a prior Form 4 filed by the reporting person, the number of shares owned was understated by 5,000. The balance here has been adjusted to reflect the accurate balance.
  - (2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 8/17/01; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
  - (3) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 9/1/02; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
  - (4) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
  - (5) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 8/15/04; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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