BROWN JOHN W Form 4 January 05, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BROWN JOHN W**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(Middle)

GEN PROBE INC [GPRO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012

(Zip)

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED, 10210 **GENETIC CENTER DRIVE**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

D

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)

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

Common 01/03/2012 Stock

 $A^{(1)}$ 286 13,373 58.93

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWN JOHN W

X

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

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

01/05/2012

**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).

Represents shares of the issuer's common stock issued to the reporting person pursuant to such individual's election to receive a stock
(1) award under the Gen-Probe Incorporated 2003 Incentive Award Plan in lieu of a portion of quarterly cash compensation for service on the issuer's Board of Directors.

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