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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Noznesky Justin J			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/03/2016	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
7555 INNOVATION WAY (Street) MASON, OH 45040				(Check all applicable) <u> </u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One	
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table			SVP, Mktg & Business Develop Non-Derivative Securities Be			Reporting Person	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	f Securities	3.4. NatuOwnershipOwnerForm:(Instr)Direct (D)or Indirect(I)(Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial orship	
Common Sto	ock		70,183 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	ecurity 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/06/2015(2)	01/06/2024	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 18.3	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Noznesky Justin J 7555 INNOVATION WAY MASON, OH 45040	Â	Â	SVP, Mktg & Business Develop	Â			
Signatures							

Signatures

/s/ Justin J. Noznesky	02/16/2016		
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- Includes 12,500 shares of unvested restricted stock awarded under the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan and 50,000 shares of (1) unvested restricted stock awarded under the AtriCure, Inc. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, which vest 25% annually over four years from date of grant.
- The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares one year from the date of grant and the remaining 75% thereafter vests and is (2)exercisable in equal monthly installments on the same day of the month over the following three years.

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