

Mast Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 4  
June 20, 2014

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Culley Brian M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

12390 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE  
150

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Mast Therapeutics, Inc. [MSTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

06/19/2014

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)

CEO and Director

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

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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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

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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A)       | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 0.65                            | 06/19/2014       |            |                                                            | A    |   | 1,114,250 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 06/19/2024         | Common<br>Stock | 1,114,250                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                           | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|                                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Culley Brian M<br>12390 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 150<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 | X             |           | CEO and Director |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Brian M.  
Culley

06/20/2014

\_\_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) This option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 substantially equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of June 19, 2014, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer.

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