

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 MESSMAN JACK L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC [SFE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 435 DEVON PARK DRIVE,  
 BUILDING 800  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/15/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

WAYNE, PA 19087-1945

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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 Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---|--|------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3)  | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security (Instr. 5) |                 |              |                            |          |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|
|                      |  |                      | Code            | V  | (A)              | (D)              | Date Exercisable    | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |          |
| Deferred Stock Units | (1)                                      | 01/15/2012           | A               |  | 246              |                  | (1)                 | (1)             | Common Stock | 246                        | \$ 0     |
| Deferred Stock Units | (1)                                      | 01/15/2012           | A               |  | 984              |                  | (1)                 | (1)             | Common Stock | 984                        | \$ 15.74 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MESSMAN JACK L<br>435 DEVON PARK DRIVE, BUILDING 800<br>WAYNE, PA 19087-1945 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

By: Deirdre Blackburn Agent For: Jack L. Messman  
Date: 01/17/2012

\_\_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).

The deferred stock units are payable in stock, on a one-for-one basis, and are fully vested at grant. Distributions in respect of the deferred (1) stock units will be made following termination of service as a director at times established in accordance with the terms of the applicable equity compensation plan of the Issuer.

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