

AtriCure, Inc.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â ROBARDS KAREN P		(Month/Day/Year)	AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/04/2005	
173 RIVERSIDE DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10024			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			(give title below)	(specify below)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	49,736	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	43,615	\$ 0 (1)	D	Â
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	72,679	\$ 0 (1)	D	Â
Preferred Stock Warrants (Right to Buy)	08/10/2005	Â (2)	Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (1)	5,241	\$ 5.43	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/29/2002(3)	03/29/2011	Common Stock	3,947	\$ 0.57	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBARDS KAREN P 173 RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEW YORK, NY 10024	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/Thomas J. Etergino as Attorney-in-Fact for Karen P. Robards 08/15/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The shares of Preferred Stock convert on a 1-for-1 basis into Common Stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (2) Warrants expire on August 10, 2006 (one year from the date of the Issuer's initial public offering).
- (3) Exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum commencing on March 29, 2002 (one year from the date of grant).

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