

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Nelson Arlin D</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1600 W. MERIT PARKWAY</u> (Street) <u>SOUTH JORDAN UT 84095</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/04/2006</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC [MMSI]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>COO</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
<u>Common Stock, No Par Value</u>	<u>903⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>by 401(k) plan</u>

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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)</u>	<u>12/28/2005</u>	<u>12/28/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>12.14</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)</u>	<u>12/18/2004</u>	<u>12/18/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>15.03</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)</u>	<u>06/10/2004</u>	<u>06/10/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>13.81</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)</u>	<u>12/13/2003</u>	<u>12/13/2013</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>21.67</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)</u>	<u>02/06/2003⁽⁴⁾</u>	<u>02/06/2013</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>8,889</u>	<u>9.74</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)</u>	<u>12/08/2001⁽³⁾</u>	<u>12/08/2011</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>8,890</u>	<u>7.61</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)</u>	<u>02/12/2001⁽²⁾</u>	<u>02/12/2011</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>8,335</u>	<u>2.07</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents plan holdings as of December 6, 2006
2. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 2/12/2002
3. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 12/8/2002
4. Become exercisable in equal annual installments of 20% commencing 2/6/2004

Arlin D. Nelson12/12/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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