STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Sec	tion	17(a)	of	the	Pub]	lic	Uti	lit	у Н	olding	Company	/ Act	of	1935	or	
		Secti	on	30(f)	of	the	In	ives	tme	nt Com	pany Act	of	1940			

[] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* JAMES JEFFRIES ELLIS (Last) (First) (Middle) 1600 West Merit Parkway (Street) 84095 South Jordan UT 84095

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Merit Medical Systems, Inc. (MMSI)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 27, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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

[X] Director [] 10% Owner [] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below) Director of Sales

Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

[X] Form filed by one Reporting Person [] Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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

5. 6. 4. Amount of Owner-Securities Acquired (A) or Securities ship Disposed of (D)

	2	3. Transaction	Beneficially Form: 7. (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned at End	Direct	Nature of Indirect
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	Code (Instr. 8)	(A) Amount or Price (D)	Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock No Par Value	12/27/02		1,000 D		D	

No

D

* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction $4\left(b\right)\left(v\right)$.

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

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ KENT W. STANGER

01/03/03

**Signature of Reporting Person Date Kent W. Stanger as Attorney-in-Fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated November 21, a manually signed copy of which is on file with the Commission and is incorporated herein by reference.

 $\ensuremath{^{**}}$ Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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