

CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA
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FORM 4

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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 *
 FERGUSON JOHN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA [CXW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/22/2008

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

NASHVILLE, TN 37215

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| CXW Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | | M | | 18,000 A \$ 5.7 | 178,693 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| CXW Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | | S | | 18,000 D \$ 26.6605 ⁽²⁾ | 160,693 ⁽¹⁾ | D |

CXW Common Stock 561,166 I By Ferguson Revocable Living Trust

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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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 5.7 | 08/22/2008 | | M | 18,000 | 02/14/2005 ⁽³⁾ 02/14/2012 | CXW Common Stock 18,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FERGUSON JOHN D 10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD NASHVILLE, TN 37215 | X | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

Scott Craddock, Attorney
In Fact 08/22/2008

**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) Includes 3,388 shares beneficially owned through the company's 401(k) plan, as updated to reflect the reporting person's most recent plan statement.
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.36 to \$26.84. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price of the transactions. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
 - (2) Option vested in 1/3 increments and became fully vested on stated date.
 - (3)

Remarks:

Reporting partial exercise of employee stock option and sale of shares acquired through exercise pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 tra

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