

Russell Kevin Thomas  
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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 \*  
 Russell Kevin Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AWARE INC 40 MIDDLESEX  
 TURNPIKE

(Street)

BEDFORD, MA 01730

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AWARE INC /MA/ ["AWRE"]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/02/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Following 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) Price			
Common Stock	01/02/2012		A	1,201 (1)	\$ 0 12,156	D	

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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Unrestricted Stock Award	\$ 0					(2)	Common Stock	1,875
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.77					(3)	02/20/2018 Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.64					(4)	12/05/2017 Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.05					(5)	12/04/2013 Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.95					(6)	09/08/2014 Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(7)	10/14/2013 Common Stock	11,750
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(8)	10/14/2013 Common Stock	7,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.27					(9)	10/14/2013 Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Russell Kevin Thomas C/O AWARE INC 40 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE BEDFORD, MA 01730	X		Int co-CEO& co-Pres, Gen Cou	

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin T.  
Russell

01/18/2012

\_\_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).

(1) Shares of unrestricted stock issued to reporting person on January 2, 2012.

Shares of unrestricted stock awarded to reporting person under Aware, Inc. 2001 Nonqualified Stock Plan. 1,875 shares will be issued on

(2) June 30, 2012 provided the reporting person is serving as a director, officer or employee of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company on said date.

(3) Vests in 20 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from March 31, 2008 through December 31, 2012.

(4) Vests in 16 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from December 31, 2007 through September 30, 2011.

(5) Vests in 16 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from December 31, 2006 through September 30, 2010.

(6) 50% vests on September 8, 2004, the remaining 50% vests in 8 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from December 31, 2004 through September 30, 2006.

(7) 75% vests on October 14, 2003, the remaining 25% vests in 4 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, until fully vested.

(8) 50% vests on October 14, 2003, the remaining 50% vests in 8 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, until fully vested.

(9) 25% vests on October 14, 2003, the remaining 75% vests in 12 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, until fully vested.

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