

LINGO IRVING E JR
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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 *
LINGO IRVING E JR

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)
12/23/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Chief Financial Officer

NASHVILLE, TN 37215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	12/23/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		12,900 A \$ 8.75 12,900	D	
CXW Common Stock	12/23/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		12,900 D \$ 40 0	D	
CXW Common Stock	12/27/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		12,100 A \$ 8.75 12,100	D	
CXW Common	12/27/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		12,100 D \$ 40.81 0	D	

Stock

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Purchase	\$ 8.75	12/23/2004		M	12,900	05/22/2002 05/22/2011	CXW Common Stock 12,900
Employee Stock Option Right to Purchase	\$ 8.75	12/27/2004		M	12,100	05/22/2002 05/22/2011	CXW Common Stock 12,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINGO IRVING E JR 10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD NASHVILLE, TN 37215			EVP, Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Irving E. Lingo, Jr. 12/27/2004

**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) Represents partial exercise of employee stock option and sale of shares under a 10b5-1 planned sales agreement acquired through exercise.

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