

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Nickel	Jeffrey	B	BioTime, Inc. (BTIM)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
13180 Via Rancho Drive (Street)			3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Year	
Saratoga CA 95070 (City) (State) (Zip)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
			5/99		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table 1 -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) or (D) Price			

Common Shares, no par value

25,000\*

D

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 4(b)(v).

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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)	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)	
				(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date

Option to Purchase Common Shares

\$12.57

4/29/99

A

10,000

4/29/99

4/29/04

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner-ship Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Common Shares	10,000	N/A	25,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

\*Includes 25,000 shares that Mr. Nickel may acquire through the exercise of stock options.

\*\* 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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/s/Jeffrey Nickel

May 5, 1999

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date