

FORM 5

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 Form 3 Holdings Reported
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BioTime, Inc. (BTX)		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer(give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify below	
Nickel (Last)	Jeffrey (First)	B. (Middle)	3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year 12/00		
13180 Via Rancho Drive (Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
Saratoga (City)	CA (State)	95070 (Zip)				

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 Issuer's Fiscal Year (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				35,000*	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 4/28/04
Option to Purchase	\$10.33				4/2/99 4/1/02

Common Shares

Option to Purchase

\$11.50

3/31/00

3/30/05

Common Shares

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 Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership 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	10,000	D
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Common Shares	15,000	N/A	15,000	D
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Common Shares	10,000	N/A	10,000	D
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Explanation of Responses:

*Includes 35,000 shares that Dr. 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 B. Nickel

January 9, 2001

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date