

CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA  
 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)  
 09/22/2008

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)  
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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 (A) or (D) Price   |  |   |
| CXW Common Stock                | 09/22/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 18,000 A \$ 5.7   | 178,693 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D   |
| CXW Common Stock                | 09/22/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 16,700 D 24.81  | 161,993 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | D   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(2)</sup>  |  |   |
| CXW Common Stock                | 09/22/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 1,300 D 25.43   | 160,693  | D   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(2)</sup>  |  |   |
| CXW Common                      |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 561,166  | I   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | By Ferguson   |

Stock

Revocable  
Living  
Trust

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 5.7   | 09/22/2008                           |  | M                              | 18,000  | 02/14/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/14/2012                     | CXW Common Stock  | 18,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Scott Craddock, Attorney  
In Fact 09/23/2008

\*\*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.

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The sale of shares acquired upon the exercise of options was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.32 to \$25.515. For reporting purposes, the sales are reported in two groups: (1) 16,700 shares sold in the price range \$24.32 - \$25.30 at a weighted average sale price of \$24.81 and (2) 1,300 shares sold in the price range \$25.32 - \$25.515 at a weighted average sale price of \$25.43. 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.

- (3) Option vested in 1/3 increments and became fully vested on stated date.

### **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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