EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Form 4

December 16, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CARPENTER ALAN P JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EPIX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [EPIX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 161 FIRST STREET			12/14/2004	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				V.P. of Legal & Govt. Affairs		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(,		(A)		Following Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/14/2004		M	2,500	A	\$ 8.781	8,500	D	
Common Stock (Sale Pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan)	12/14/2004		S(2)	2,500	D	\$ 18.25	6,000	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onof Derivative		Derivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uired or possed of tr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 8.781	12/14/2004		M		2,500	02/22/2003	02/22/2011	Common Stock	2,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CARPENTER ALAN P JR			V.P. of				
C/O EPIX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.			Legal &				
161 FIRST STREET			Govt.				
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138			Affairs				

Signatures

Paula Valencia-Galbraith, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- From February 22, 2001 grant of 200,000 options to purchase common stock of which 82,250 options have been exercised and 119,250 options are remaining. 41,250 options of the remaining 116,750 options are currently exercisable and the remaining 80,000 options vest in two equal installments beginning on February 22, 2005.
- (2) Sale Pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan

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