

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
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**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 \*  
 Jarvis David R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
 [ACR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/22/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O MERCURY REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLC, 100 FIELD POINT ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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)**

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| 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 |
| Equity Swap (obligation to buy) <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> | \$ 13.82   | 07/22/2005                           |  | J/K <sup>(1)(2)</sup>          | 1   | 07/22/2005   | 05/24/2007  | Common Stock | 700                        |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Jarvis David R<br>C/O MERCURY REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLC<br>100 FIELD POINT ROAD<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830                                     |               | X         |         |       |
| MacLean Malcolm F IV<br>C/O MERCURY REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLC<br>100 FIELD POINT ROAD<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830                               |               | X         |         |       |
| Mercury Real Estate Securities Offshore Fund, Ltd.<br>C/O MERCURY REAL ESTATE ADVISORS LLC<br>100 FIELD POINT ROAD<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

By: /s/ David R. Jarvis 01/20/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

By: /s/ Malcolm F. MacLean IV 01/20/2006

\_\_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) On July 22, 2005, Mercury Real Estate Advisors, LLC ("Advisors"), a registered investment adviser, entered into a cash settled equity swap agreement with a securities broker ("Broker") on behalf of Mercury Real Estate Securities Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("MRESOF"), for which Advisors serves as the investment adviser. Mr. David R. Jarvis and Mr. Malcolm F. MacLean IV are managing members of Advisors.

(2) The settlement date of the swap agreement is May 24, 2007. On such date, MRESOF or Broker, as applicable, will be required to make a payment to the other such that the resulting economic effect of the swap arrangement will be as if (i) MRESOF paid Broker \$9,674, representing \$13.82 for each share of ACR common stock subject to this agreement as of July 22, 2005, and (ii) Broker paid to MRESOF the market value of 700 shares of ACR common stock as of May 24, 2007. Any dividends received by Broker on account of the common stock subject to this agreement will be paid to MRESOF and MRESOF will pay to Broker a finance charge.

(3) This swap arrangement was entered into by Advisors on behalf of MRESOF. Mr. Jarvis disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held directly by MRESOF except to the extent of the pecuniary interest, if any, in such securities as a result of his membership interest in Advisors, which has a contingent right to receive a performance-based advisory fee from MRESOF. That performance-based fee generally qualifies for the exemption set forth in Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(C).

(4) This swap arrangement was entered into by Advisors on behalf of MRESOF. Mr. MacLean disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held directly by MRESOF except to the extent of the pecuniary interest, if any, in such securities as a result of his membership interest in Advisors, which has a contingent right to receive a performance-based advisory fee from MRESOF. That performance-based fee generally qualifies for the exemption set forth in Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(C).

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