CROWN JAMES S Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **CROWN JAMES S**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP

(Check all applicable)

[GD]

(Middle)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 11/12/2004

222 N LASALLE STREET, STE

(Street)

2000

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(State) (Zip) (City)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Conversion

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities**

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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Secu (Inst |
|---------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|-----|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 11/12/2004 | | A | 3.7895 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 3.7895 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| CROWN JAMES S 222 N LASALLE STREET STE 2000 CHICAGO, IL 60601 | X | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ James S.
Crown

**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) Convertible on a 1-for-1 basis for cash equal to the average of fair market value of the Common Stock as of the date of conversion which, on the transaction date, was \$107.6950 per share.
- (2) Payable at the Reporting Person's retirement.
- (3) Acquired pursuant to General Dynamics Corporation's director compensation plan.

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