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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Patrick Charles W			2. Date of Event Ro Statement (Month/Day/Year)	ORASURE	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES INC [OSUR]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/09/2006		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		endment, Date Original hth/Day/Year)				
220 EAST FI	RST STRE	EET									
	(Street)	(Check all appl		all applicable)	6. Individ	lual or Joint/Group					
BETHLEHEM, PA 18015				XDirector Officer (give title below			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-Derivat	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			Ben (Insi	mount of Securities eficially Owned tr. 4)	Ownership	4. Nature of Ind Ownership (Instr. 5)	irect Beneficial				
Reminder: Repor owned directly or		te line for ea	ch class of securities	s beneficially S	EC 1473 (7-02)						
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Deriva (Instr. 4)	ative Security	Expir	te Exercisable and ation Date _{Day/Year)} Expiration	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	1	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				

Exercisable

Date

Title

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

(I)

Security

Amount or

Number of

Shares

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Estimated average burden hours per

3235-0104

January 31,

2005

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Patrick Charles W 220 EAST FIRST STREET BETHLEHEM, PA 18015	ÂX	Â	Â	Â					
Signatures									
Mark L. Kuna, as Attorney In Fact for Charles W. 01/10/200 Patrick									
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting		Date							
Explanation of Responses:									

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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