

Russell Kevin Thomas
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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 *
 Russell Kevin Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AWARE INC, 40 MIDDLESEX
 TURNPIKE

(Street)

BEDFORD, MA 01730-1432

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/20/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

CEO & President, GC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 198,698 | 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)

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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 |
| Unrestricted Stock Award | \$ 0 | 03/20/2018 | | A | 30,000 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Russell Kevin Thomas C/O AWARE INC 40 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE BEDFORD, MA 01730-1432 | X | | CEO & President, GC | |

Signatures

/s/ Kevin T. Russell
 03/22/2018
 **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).
- Shares of unrestricted stock awarded to reporting person under Aware, Inc. 2001 Nonqualified Stock Plan. The shares will be issued as (1) follows; 15,000 shares on June 30, 2018, and 15,000 shares on December 31, 2018 provided the reporting person is serving as a director, officer or employee of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company on said dates.
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