

MACSWEENEY KIERAN  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MACSWEENEY KIERAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/22/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP, Managing Dir. Inter

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2006		M	10,000 A \$ 21.77	10,112	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2006		S	10,000 D \$ 34.15	112	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. 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 Number Shares
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 12					04/23/1999 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/23/2009	Common Stock	7,500
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.94					05/02/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.44					09/18/2000 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/18/2010	Common Stock	175,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 22.36					05/25/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/25/2011	Common Stock	40,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.77	02/22/2006		M	10,000	04/15/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/15/2012	Common Stock	10,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/07/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/05/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Option (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/19/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	06/30/2015	Common Stock	3,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

MACSWEENEY KIERAN  
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE  
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

Senior VP, Managing Dir. Inter

## Signatures

Doyle C. Weeks as attorney-in-fact- for Kieran  
MacSweeney

02/24/2006

\_\_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) Grant date, 25% vests immediately and then vest in three equal annual installments.
- (2) Grant date, 50% vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date and 25% on each grant date anniversary for the following two years.
- (3) Grant date, 15% vests every 6 months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests every three months for the following 24 months and 5% vests every three months over the remaining 12 months.
- (4) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and 7.5% vests every three months over the remaining 10 quarters. The vesting of all unvested options will accelerate and become 100% vested on December 25, 2005 if the reporting person is an employee on that date.
- (5) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.

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