

VITAL IMAGES INC  
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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 \*  
**HICKEY JAMES B JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5850 OPUS PARKWAY, SUITE 300

(Street)

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VITAL IMAGES INC [VTAL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2006

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)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/14/2006		M	15,000	A \$ 2.75	25,000	D
Common stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/14/2006		S	6,000	D \$ 31.79	19,000	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Director stock option (right to buy)	\$ 2.75	03/14/2006		M	15,000	<u>(2)</u> 05/13/2006	Common stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HICKEY JAMES B JR 5850 OPUS PARKWAY SUITE 300 MINNETONKA, MN 55343	X			

## Signatures

/s/ James B.  
Hickey, Jr. 03/16/2006

        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) Transaction made pursuant to plan adopted under Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) Original grant of 15,000 options became exercisable as to 5,000 shares on 12/31/98, 5,000 shares on 12/31/99, and 5,000 shares on 12/31/00.
- (3) In addition, Mr. Hickey has other options outstanding of 38,500 at various prices and expiration dates.

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