NUVASIVE INC Form 4 January 28, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Blackford Quentin S.

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

Director

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2016

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

CFO and CAO

7475 LUSK BLVD.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

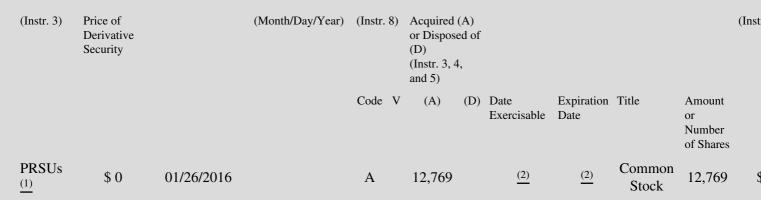
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Deri Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu any

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Blackford Quentin S.

7475 LUSK BLVD. CFO and CAO
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

/s/ Jason M. Hannon, Attorney-in-Fact for Quentin Blackford

01/28/2016

**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) Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting.
 - This PRSU award was granted to the Reporting Person on February 17, 2015. On January 26, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors certified that the PRSU award's performance condition had been satisfied. In accordance with the terms of the
- (2) PRSU award, the award will vest as to 3,193 shares on February 1, 2016 and 3,192 shares on each of February 1, 2017, February 1, 2018 and February 1, 2019. As the PRSU award did not constitute a derivative security, it was not required to be reported and was not reported on a Form 4 at the time of grant.

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