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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

FERGUSON JOHN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA [CXW]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2005

10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

NASHVILLE, TN 37215

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/01/2005		M(1)	10,000	A	\$ 8.75	50,340	D	
CXW Common Stock	08/01/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 37.3131	40,340	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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea			7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase	\$ 8.75	08/01/2005		M	10,000) 05/22/2002 <u>(2)</u>	05/22/2011	CXW Common Stock	10,0	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
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FERGUSON JOHN D

10 BURTON HILLS BOULEVARD X President and CEO

NASHVILLE, TN 37215

Signatures

John Ferguson 08/02/2005

**Signature of Person Date

**Reporting Person

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) Represents partial exercise of employee stock option and sale of shares acquired through exercise pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Represents partial exercise of employee stock option completely vested as of May 22, 2004.

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