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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)***

CERUS CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

1570 85 101

(CUSIP Number)

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Name of Reporting Person: Ira Sochet I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only:

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions): PF, WC

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e):

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization: United States

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

7. Sole Voting Power:
1,349,234

8. Shared Voting Power:
0

9. Sole Dispositive Power:
1,349,234

10. Shared Dispositive Power:
0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:
1,349,234

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions):
o

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11):
6.0%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions):
IN

This amendment to Schedule 13D (the Amendment) is filed as Amendment No. 1 to the Statement on Schedule 13D, dated January 12, 2005 (the Schedule 13D), filed on behalf of Ira Sochet (the Reporting Person) relating to the common stock of Cerus Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

This Amendment reflects material changes in the Schedule 13D, as amended, such material changes being more fully reflected in Items 3 and 5 below.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

This Statement relates to the beneficial ownership of the Reporting Person of 1,349,234 shares of Common Stock, all of which are directly owned by the Reporting Person except for 33,645 shares owned by Investors Risk Advantage L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (IRA).

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) As of the close of business on June 23, 2005, the Reporting Person beneficially owned an aggregate of 1,349,234 shares of Common Stock, which constituted approximately 6.0 percent of the 22,302,513 shares of Common Stock outstanding on April 30, 2005, as reported in the Issuer s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2005.

(b) The Reporting Person has the sole power to vote or direct the vote, and the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, all the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by him.

(c) The following table sets forth all transactions in Common Stock effected by the Reporting Person during the past 60 days. All of such transactions were open market transactions effected through brokers.

Date	Number of Shares Purchased	Approximate Price Per Share
05/25/2005	5,000	\$ 3.92
06/06/2005	35,000	\$ 4.19
06/07/2005	5,000	\$ 4.10
06/08/2005	5,000	\$ 4.05
06/09/2005	1,000	\$ 4.20
06/14/2005	20,300	\$ 3.98
06/14/2005	876	\$ 4.07

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

June 24, 2005

/s/ IRA SOCHET
Ira Sochet