

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
CROWN JAMES S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
[GD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
222 N LASALLE STREET, STE 2000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
CHICAGO, IL 60601

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/16/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>	259 A \$ 53.06	32,280 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					5,424,092	I	See ftn <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					2,511,144	I	See ftn <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock					7,753,112	I	See ftn <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock					304,800	I	See ftn <sup>(6)</sup>

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROWN JAMES S 222 N LASALLE STREET STE 2000 CHICAGO, IL 60601	X			

## Signatures

James S. Crown                      12/16/2008

\_\_Signature of                      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) Stock grant received in lieu of director fees in accordance with Issuer's outside director compensation program.
- (2) 2,095 of these common stock shares are shares of restricted stock, the acquisition of which was reported in previous Form 4s.
- (3) Owned by a partnership, Henry Crown and Company (Not Incorporated), of which the Reporting Person is a partner.
- (4) Owned by a partnership, Areljay, L.P., of which the Reporting Person is a beneficiary of a trust which is a partner, and a director, officer, and shareholder of a corporation which is a partner.
- (5) Owned by a partnership, The Crown Fund, of which the Reporting Person is a partner.

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(6) Owned by a partnership, Crown Fund II, of which the Reporting Person is a partner.

### **Remarks:**

As previously reported, the Reporting Person holds 26,330 stock options to purchase common stock. The Reporting Person di

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