

ALIAS PATRICK  
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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 \*  
ALIAS PATRICK

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE VISION DRIVE  
(Street)  
NATICK, MA 01760

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COGNEX CORP [CGNX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2011

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)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
			(A)	(D)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.5	12/14/1993	A	V	400,000	12/16/1997 12/14/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.719	06/03/1998	A	V	150,000	04/21/2000 06/03/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16	12/15/1998	A	V	12,000	12/15/1999 12/15/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.954	04/27/1999	A	V	15,200	04/27/2003 04/27/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.67	02/14/2011	A		7,500	02/14/2012 02/14/2021	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALIAS PATRICK ONE VISION DRIVE NATICK, MA 01760	X			

## Signatures

Patrick Alias 01/17/2012

\*\*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).

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