

MURPHY JAMES R
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**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 *
 MURPHY JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BENTLEY PHARMACEUTICALS INC [BNT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 BENTLEY PARK, 2 HOLLAND WAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/23/2006

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.02 par value				(A) or (D)	413,228	D	
Common Stock, \$.02 par value				(A) or (D)	9,563	I	Company-Sponsored 401(k) Retirement Plan
Common Stock, \$.02 par				(A) or (D)	100 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Son

value

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Right to purchase	\$ 11.775	05/23/2006		A	137,000	(2) 05/23/2016	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 137,000
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	05/23/2006		A	27,000	(4) 05/23/2016	Common Stock, \$0.02 par value 27,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURPHY JAMES R BENTLEY PARK 2 HOLLAND WAY EXETER, NH 03833	X		Chairman & CEO	

Signatures

James R. Murphy 05/24/2006

**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) Represents 100 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Murphy's son, as to which Mr. Murphy disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (2) Options were granted under terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Grant becomes exercisable in three equal installments on 5/23/2007, 5/23/2008 and 5/23/2009.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Common Stock, \$.02 par value.
- (4) Restricted stock units were granted under the terms of the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan. Units vest, and will be issued to the reporting person, in four equal installments on 5/23/2007, 5/23/2008, 5/23/2009 and 5/23/2010.

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