

DAVIDSON SPENCER  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
DAVIDSON SPENCER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 450 LEXINGTON AVE STE 3300  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/25/2005

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

NEW YORK, NY 10017  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock           | 02/25/2005                           |  | S                              | 3,200 D \$ 25   | 36,800  | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |                                   |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock           |                                      |  |                                |   | 108,000   | I  | By Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 449,724   | D <sup>(1)</sup>   |                                   |
| Common                          |                                      |  |                                |   | 21,605  | I  | By Thrift                         |



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- (2) By various Trusts of which the undersigned is Trustee. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (3) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

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