

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC  
 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 \*  
 LOFTUS JOHN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC [SFE]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING, 435 DEVON PARK DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/13/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

(Street)  
 WAYNE, PA 19087-1945

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  | (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)**

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| 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 |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 1.555   | 09/13/2005                           |  | A                              | 1,500,000   | <u>(1)</u>   | 09/13/2013  | Common Stock | 1,500,000            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| LOFTUS JOHN A<br>800 THE SAFEGUARD BUILDING<br>435 DEVON PARK DRIVE<br>WAYNE, PA 19087-1945 |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

JOHN A.  
LOFTUS  
09/15/2005

\*\*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).

Options feature market performance-based vesting so that they only become exercisable upon sustained improvement in the trading price of the Issuer's common stock in the following increments: 10% of the options at \$2.0359 per share; an additional 20% at \$3.1548 per (1) share; an additional 30% at \$4.6466 per share; and the remaining 40% at \$6.5114 per share (based on the average daily closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the NYSE for any 20 consecutive trading days preceding a vesting date), with pro rata vesting based on sustained improvement in the trading price of the Issuer's common stock between the stock price thresholds set forth above.

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