FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

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Murphy Michael R

(Last)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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> > 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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					or	Section	n 30(h)) of the	Invest	ment (Company Act								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Discovery Group I, LLC</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
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C/O DISCOVERY GROUP I, LLC 191 N. WACKER DRIVE SUITE 1685								
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Discovery Group I, LLC is an investment manager for Pleiades Investment Partners D, L.P., which is a discretionary client of the reporting person, that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$6.50 \$6.57. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected

Remarks

Michael R. Murphy and Daniel J. Donoghue are managing members of Discovery Group I, LLC, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported

Michael R. Murphy, Managing <u>12/19/2012</u> <u>Director</u>

 Daniel J. Donoghue
 12/19/2012

 Michael R. Murphy
 12/19/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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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