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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STAFFORD JOHN S III | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE] | | | | | | | (Che | elationship o eck all applic Directo | able) | g Pers | ` ' | | | |
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| (Last) | (Fir | est) (I | Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2024 | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | pecify |
| C/O AWA | RE, INC. | | | | 4. If | Amen | dment, D | ate of | Original F | iled | (Month/Day | y/Year) | 6. In | dividual or J | oint/Group | Filing | (Check App | olicable |
| 76 BLANCHARD ROAD | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | - 1 | Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| | | Tab | le I - Non | -Deri | vative | Sec | urities | Acc | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or Ber | neficiall | y Owned | | | | |
| Dat | | | Date | saction /Day/Ye | Execution Day/Year) if any | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year) 3. Trans Code | | | | | | | es Following (I) | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transact | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (IIISti. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | 5,028,077 D | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 5. Num of Derivat Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (I 3, 4 and | | ive ies ed ed nstr. | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | e s ally | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Unrestricted Stock Award | \$0.00 | 03/07/2024 | | | A | | 23,724 | П | (1) | | (1) | Common Stock | 23,724 | \$0.00 | 23,72 | :4 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares of unrestricted stock awarded to reporting person under 2023 Equity and Incentive Plan of Aware, Inc. The shares will be issued as follows; 11,862 shares on June 30, 2024, and 11,862 shares on December 31, 2024 provided the reporting person is serving as a director, officer or employee of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company on said dates.

Remarks:

/s/ John Stafford, III

03/11/2024

** 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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