FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  LAWRENCE CHARLES BERDON						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director X 10% Owner     Officer (give title Other (specify)						
	Last) (First) (Middle) 5 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2004									X Officer (give title below) below)  Chairman of the Board						
(Street) HOUSTO			77007 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tabl	e I - Nor	ı-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, oı	r Bene	efici	ally (	Owne	ed				
Date					Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				4 and Second Ben Owr		cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	or Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(msu. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 05/24						/2004		/2004	S	s 1:		00 D		\$3	35	2,062,490		D			
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 05/					24/2004		05/24	/2004	S		8,500	)	D	\$35		553,157			I	Trusts <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common	mon Stock, par value \$.10 per share											2,874		2,874		I	401(k) Plan				
	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)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date, if any					Transaction Code (Instr.		of E		s. Date Exercisable al expiration Date Month/Day/Year)			Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			vative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V		v	(A)			Date Exercisable D		or Number of Title Shares									

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares are owned by four trusts. Mr. Lawrence is not a beneficiary under any of the trusts, but under the terms of the instruments pursuant to which all four trusts were created, Mr. Lawrence does have the right to reacquire the property constituting the principal of the trusts, including, but not limited to, the shares owned by the trusts by substituting property of equal value therefor.

## Remarks:

<u>G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent</u> <u>and Attorney-in-Fact</u>

05/25/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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