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* <u>LEFFLER ROBERT V JR</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ZAPATA CORP [ZAP] | | | | | | | | | | elationship ck all appli | cable) | porting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|---------|-----------|--|---|--------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|--|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) 2607 N. | (F CHARLES | , | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2005 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | | Other (s | · I | | | |
| (Street) BALTIM | | | 21218 (Zip) | | _ 4. li | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Included | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - No | n-Deriv | ative | e Sec | uriti | ies Ac | quire | d, Di | ispo | osed o | f, or B | enef | iciall | y Owned | ł | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transport Date (Month/L | | | | | | ar) E | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Cod | Transaction Code (Instr. 5 | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | 4 and Securiti Benefici Owned | | es ally Following | Form | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Cod | e V | 4 | Amount | (A) (D) | or P | rice | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 05/24/ | | | | | | 2005 | | M | | | 5,336 | 5 A | . 5 | \$4.225 | 5, | 336 | | D | | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 05/24 | 4/2005 | 5 | | | S | | | 5,336 | 5 [| | \$6 | 5, | 5,336 | | 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 Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | | ansaction ode (Instr. | | ı of E | | Exercion Da /Day/Y | ate | Underly Derivati | | nount of | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Inst | Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerci | able | Exp | oiration e | Title | or Nur of | ount mber ares | | | | | | | |
| Options | \$4.225 | 05/24/2005 | 05/24/2 | 2005 | M | | | 5,336 | 05/30/ | 1996 | 05/3 | 30/2005 | Commo | 5,3 | 336 | \$4.225 | 8,000 | | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Robert V. Leffler, Jr.

05/26/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

 $Note: File \ three \ copies \ of \ this \ Form, \ one \ of \ which \ must \ be \ manually \ signed. \ If \ space \ is \ insufficient, \ see \ Instruction \ 6 \ for \ procedure.$

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 $^{^{\}star}$ If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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