

STIFTEN EDWARD J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
STIFTEN EDWARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EXPRESS SCRIPTS,  
INC., 13900 RIVERPORT DRIVE

(Street)

MARYLAND  
HEIGHTS, MO 63043

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EXPRESS SCRIPTS INC [ESRX]

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

01/13/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/13/2006			01/17/2006	A	73.3021	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Express Scripts, Inc. Common Stock	73.3021

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STIFTEN EDWARD J C/O EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC. 13900 RIVERPORT DRIVE MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO 63043			SVP and CFO	

**Signatures**

Edward J. Stiften 01/17/2006  
  
\*\*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).
- (1) Phantom Stock Unit credited under Express Scripts, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Basic Contribution by Express Scripts, Inc. to Participant's Account in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan; Shares vest three (3) years after the plan year to which such credit relates.
- (3) Upon distribution each Phantom Stock Unit converts to one share of Express Scripts, Inc. Common Stock.
- (4) Reporting person's shares beneficially owned have been adjusted to reflect the stock split on June 24, 2005.

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