

PROASSURANCE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CROWE A DERRILL MD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/08/2006

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)  
Chairman / Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 08/08/2006                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 9,000 D \$ 50.24  | 343,723   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 20  | I  | Spouse as custodian for minor child        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 499,044   | I  | IRA-Sterne Agee & Leach                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 78,866  | I  | IRA-Morgan Stanley                         |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 11,742 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I  |  |

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|--------------|--|--|--|-----------|------------------|---|
| Common Stock |  |  |  |           |                  | ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan [401(k)]         |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 1,285     | I                | Spouse  |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 1,162,791 | I                | Crowe Family Partners, Ltd.                                     |
| Common Stock |  |  |  | 51,468    | I <sup>(3)</sup> | Trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children |

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 51.38   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/11/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/11/2016                     | Common Stock  | 25,000                        |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 41.15   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/10/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/10/2015                     | Common Stock  | 50,000                        |                            |

|  |          |                           |            |                 |        |
|--|----------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 33.28 | 09/10/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> | 09/10/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 22    | 09/04/2003 <sup>(7)</sup> | 03/04/2013 | Common<br>Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 16.8  | 07/15/2002 <sup>(8)</sup> | 01/15/2012 | Common<br>Stock | 20,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |          |                         |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other                   |
| CROWE A DERRILL MD<br>C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION<br>100 BROOKWOOD PLACE<br>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 | X             |           | Chairman | Chief Executive Officer |

## Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil as P.O.A. For A. Derrill  
Crowe 08/09/2006

\_\_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) Common stock sold pursuant to a 10b(5)-1 trading plan entered into April 13, 2006.
  - (2) These shares were allocated prior to August 29, 2002 and were exempt under Rule 16b-3
  - (3) Shares given to Trusts FBO the reporting person's minor children
  - (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
  - (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
  - (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
  - (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
  - (8) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

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