**BASCH JEFFREY W** 

Form 4

January 05, 2009

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

**BASCH JEFFREY W** Symbol PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ [PGR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD 01/01/2009 below) below) Vice Pres.& Chief / Accounting Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common 01/01/2009  $F^{(1)}$ 901 D 70,617 D 14.6 \$0 Common 01/01/2009 D 1,308 69,309 D D (2) 401(k) Common Ι 2,727.743 Plan

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)	Code	5. Number to the form of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Comp Unit	\$ 0 (3)	01/01/2009	A	1,308	<u>(4)</u>	(5)	Common	1,308	\$ 0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BASCH JEFFREY W 6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143

Vice Pres.& Chief Accounting Officer

## **Signatures**

David M. Coffey, by Power of Attorney

01/05/2009

\*\*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) Delivery of shares to pay taxes upon vesting of restricted shares.
- (2) The reporting person elected to defer receipt of previously granted restricted common shares upon vesting thereof. This Form 4 reports the disposition of such restricted shares in exchange for an equal number of units under the applicable deferred compensation plan.
- (3) 1 for 1.
- (4) Six (6) months and one (1) day from the date of the transaction reported herein.
- (5) These units will be paid out in cash at the time elected by the reporting person, subject to the vesting provisions of the plan.

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