FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ISENSTEIN BARRY S  (Last) (First) (Middle)  93 WOODBINE ROAD					3. E 09/	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC [ MRCY ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/02/2003  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								(Chec	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  VP Defense Electronics Group  Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable)				Owner (specify /) oup
(Street)  CARLIST (City)	CARLISLE MA 01741				- 4. 11	4. II Amendinent, Date of Original Filed (MonthinDay/Year)								Line)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				son
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Exe	A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a 5)			nd Securit Benefic Owned		es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		tion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 09/02/20					2003	)03			G		40,568	D	\$0.0	0(1)	1,	736	D		
Common Stock 09/02/20					2003	003			G		40,568	A	\$0.0	0(1)	40,568 <sup>(2)</sup>		I		By The Isenstein Family Investment Trust
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. Dee Execution if any (Month/I		4. Transa Code ( 8)	(Instr.	5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Expirat (Month	ion Da /Day/Y		e Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Field N/A to this transaction but was completed to allow for electronic filing only.
- 2. These shares were previously reported as Directly Beneficially Owned but were contributed to The Isenstein Family Investment Trust on September 2, 2003.

Joseph M. Hartnett, Attorney-

09/04/2003

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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