AWARE INC /MA/ Form 4 January 03, 2017

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Ronin Capital, LLC

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

350 N. ORLEANS STREET, SUITE 01/03/2017

Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below)

2N

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Code V Amount Price

Common 5,000 \$0 01/03/2017  $D^{(2)}$ M 3,253,508 (1) Stock (1)

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Unrestricted Stock Award (Right to Acquire)	\$ 0 (1)	01/03/2017		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	5,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>FB</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ronin Capital, LLC 350 N. ORLEANS STREET SUITE 2N CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975		X				
STAFFORD JOHN S III 350 N. ORLEANS STREET SUITE 2N CHICAGO, IL 60654-1975	X	X				
Signatures						
/s/ Agnes Burda, authorized signatory  **Signature of Reporting Person		01/03/201°	7			
/s/ John S. Stafford, III		01/03/201	7			
**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) On January 3, 2017, Mr. Stafford received 5,000 shares of unrestricted common stock, which were previously granted on March 28, 2016 subject to his continued service as a director, officer or employee of the Company.
- The reported shares of common stock of Aware Inc. are held in a Class C Capital Account of John S. Stafford, III at Ronin Capital, LLC ("Ronin"), a limited liability company owned and managed by Mr. Stafford. Mr. Stafford is the indirect beneficial owner of all of the shares of common stock of Aware Inc. held of record by Ronin. The rights to purchase shares, pursuant to the Unrestricted Stock Award were granted to Mr. Stafford.

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