

ARDELYX, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**Kaufmann Mark**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ARDELYX, INC., 34175  
ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 100**

(Street)

**FREMONT, CA 94555**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ARDELYX, INC. [ARDX]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/03/2015**

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)

Chief Financial Officer

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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2015                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 6,075 A \$ 0.54                                                   | 6,671 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                          | D                                                        |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 03/03/2015                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 6,075 D \$ 15.5963                                                | 596 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                            | D                                                        |                                            |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | <sup>(3)</sup>                                                                                |                                                          |                                            |

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 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 0.54                                                | 03/03/2015                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 6,075                                                                                   | <sup>(4)</sup> 08/11/2021                                | Common Stock                                                  | 6,075                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                             | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Kaufmann Mark<br>C/O ARDELYX, INC.<br>34175 ARDENWOOD BLVD, SUITE 100<br>FREMONT, CA 94555 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth Grammer, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark Kaufmann 03/05/2015

\*\*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) Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on December 26, 2014.
- (2) Includes 596 shares acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on February 27, 2015.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$15.48 to \$16.00, inclusive. The price reported in Column 4 above reflects the weighted average sales price. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.

- (3) The option is immediately exercisable in full, but the shares subject thereto vest according to the following schedule: Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option vest on the first anniversary measured from September 1, 2011, and the remaining shares subject to the option vest in 36 successive, equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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