

NanoString Technologies Inc  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**JOHNSON JAMES A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NanoString Technologies Inc  
 [NSTG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/10/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

SEATTLE, WA 98109

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/10/2016		M		\$ 5.12 10,698	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		\$ 22.46 6,555 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		\$ 22.76 5,089 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2016		M		\$ 5.12 9,480	D	
	11/11/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		5,089	D	

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Common Stock \$ 22.6  
(4)

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 (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)	\$ 5.12	11/10/2016		M	5,609	(5) 10/15/2022	Common Stock	5,609
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.12	11/11/2016		M	4,391	(5) 10/15/2022	Common Stock	4,391

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON JAMES A 530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N. SEATTLE, WA 98109			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Shannon Atchison, attorney in fact 11/14/2016  
 \*\*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) The sales reported by Mr. Johnson were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on September 14, 2016.

(2) The "Amount" and "Price" reported in this Column 4 reflect the aggregate number and weighted-average price, respectively, of shares sold. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.71 to \$22.71, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.

(3) The "Amount" and "Price" reported in this Column 4 reflect the aggregate number and weighted-average price, respectively, of shares sold. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.72 to \$22.82, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.

(4) The "Amount" and "Price" reported in this Column 4 reflect the aggregate number and weighted-average price, respectively, of shares sold. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.50 to \$22.75, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.

(5) This option is subject to an early exercise provision and is immediately exercisable. 25% of the shares subject to the Option vest on the one-year anniversary of October 1, 2012 (the "Vesting Commencement Date"), and thereafter 1/48th of the shares subject to the Option vest on each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement.

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