

FORRESTER W THOMAS  
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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 \*  
**FORRESTER W THOMAS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ [PGR]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/16/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice Pres. & Chief / Financial Officer

MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	11/16/2004		M	66,300 A \$ 15.75	114,071	D	
Common	11/16/2004		S	54,100 D \$ 94.4	59,971	D	
Common	11/16/2004		S	12,200 D \$ 94.45	47,771	D	
Common					9,360	I	401(k) Plan
Common					27,000	I	By trust <sup>(1)</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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Option	\$ 15.75	11/16/2004		M	66,300	01/01/2001 12/31/2005	Common	66,300	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FORRESTER W THOMAS 6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143			Vice Pres. & Chief	Financial Officer

## Signatures

David M. Coffey, By Power of Attorney  
11/17/2004

\*\*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) These shares are held in various trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of such trusts.

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