FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KNITTEL RUSSELL J | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SYNAPTICS INC [SYNA] | | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------|----------|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|--|
| (Last) 2381 BE | (Fi | , | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2004 | | | | | | | | | | belo | , | Other below O and Secret | , | |
| (Street) SAN JOS (City) | | A g | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | ne) X Form Form | <i>'</i> | | | | | |
| 1 Title of | Security (Ins | | le I - N | on-Deri | | _ | urit _{Dee} | | cquire | d, E | Disp | | of, or | | | Illy Own | | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature | |
| Dat | | | | Date | | | Execution Date, | | | , Transaction Code (Instr. | | n Disposed Of (D) (Instr. | | | Secur Benef Owne | Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Cod | e | v | Amou | | A) or D) | Price | Repor | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 09/17/2 | | | | | | 2004 | | | М | 1 | | 3,000 | | A | \$8. | .5 6, | 065(1)(2) | D | | |
| Common Stock 09/ | | | | 09/17/ | 2004 | | | | М | 1 | | 2,0 | 00 | Α | \$6 | 5 8, | 065(1)(2) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | 09/17/ | 7/2004 | | | | S ⁽² | 3) | | 5,000 | | D | \$2 | 0 3, | 065(1)(2) | D | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Conversion Or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative (Instr. 3) Price of Derivat | | | | (e.g., permed on Date, | | alls, warrants, | | | uired, Disposed of, or Benefe, options, convertible securit 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins | | | | | and of es ing ve | es) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | Security | | | | (A) Disp of (I (Ins | | | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | | and 4) | | | | Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expi Date | iration | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | nber | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$8.5 | 09/17/2004 | | | М | | | 3,000 | (4) | | 11/0 | 7/2011 | Common Stock | 3,0 | 00 | \$0.00 | 7,000 | D | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$6 | 09/17/2004 | | | M | | | 2,000 | (5) | | 07/3 | 0/2012 | Common Stock | 2,0 | 00 | \$0.00 | 48,000 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Includes 1,500 shares acquired under the issuer's employee stock purchase plan in June 2004.
- 2. The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 2,700 shares of the Issuer's common stock owned by his son and included in the reporting person's prior ownership reports.
- 3. The shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Sales Plan dated February 25, 2004.
- 4. 25% of the total number of shares subject to the option (15,000 shares) vested and became exercisable on November 9, 2002, and 312 shares vested or shall vest and became or shall become exercisable each month thereafter.
- 5. 25% of the total number of shares subject to the option (50,000) vested and became exercisable on the twelve month anniversary of the July 30, 2002 vesting commencement date, and 1/48th of the total number of shares subject to the option vested or shall vest and became or shall become exercisable on the 30th day of each month thereafter.

Remarks:

Russell J. Knittel 09/20/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

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