

AUTOBYTEL INC
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FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone | 9492254500 |
| CIK | 0001023364 |
| Symbol | ABTL |
| SIC Code | 7370 - Computer Programming, Data Processing, And |
| Industry | Advertising & Marketing |
| Sector | Consumer Cyclical |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31 |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person -* Fuller Glenn Evan (Last) (First) (Middle) 18872 MACARTHUR BLVD., SUITE 200 (Street) IRVINE, CA 92612 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AUTOBYTEL INC [ABTL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ X ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) EVP, CLO, CAO, SECRETARY |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 1/26/2017 | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ___ X ___ 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$13.81 | 1/26/2017 | | A | | 25000 | | (1) | 1/26/2024 | Common Stock | 25000 | \$0 | 25000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(Grant to reporting person of options to buy shares of common stock in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. These options will become vested and 1) exercisable as follows: (i) 33 1/3% shall vest and become exercisable on January 26, 2018 and (ii) 1/36 shall vest and become exercisable on each successive monthly anniversary thereafter for the following 24 months ending on January 26, 2020.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Fuller Glenn Evan 18872 MACARTHUR BLVD. SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92612 | | | EVP, CLO, CAO, SECRETARY | |

Signatures

/s/ **Glenn E. Fuller**

1/27/2017

—Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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