

CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, 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 \*  
**GERSHELL LELAND**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. [CAPR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/16/2016**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC., 8840 WILSHIRE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR**

(Street)

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

**BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211**

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2016                           |  | P <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,100   | A  | \$ 2.4                            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,100   | D  |                                   |

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)**

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| 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Warrants (Right to Buy)                    | \$ 4.5   | 03/16/2016                           |  | P <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,050   | 09/17/2016 03/16/2019                                    | Common Stock  | 1,050                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| GERSHELL LELAND<br>C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>8840 WILSHIRE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR<br>BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211 |               |           | CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Linda Marban, as Attorney-in-Fact 03/18/2016

\*\*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 Reporting Person entered into a Subscription Agreement with Capricor Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Issuer") pursuant to which the Reporting Person, on March 16, 2016, purchased (i) 2,100 shares of the Issuer's common stock at a purchase price of \$2.40 per share, and (ii) warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 1,050 shares of the Issuer's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.125 per share issuable upon exercise of the warrants, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$5,171.

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