

AVI BIOPHARMA INC

Form 4

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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CASEY MICHAEL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4575 SW RESEARCH WAY,
 SUITE 200

(Street)

CORVALLIS, OR 97333

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol

AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]

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

05/19/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/19/2009		A	(A) or (D) 5,000 (1)	\$ 0 5,000	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 Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A C M C
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.1	05/19/2009		A		20,000		06/19/2009 ⁽²⁾	05/19/2019	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.55							06/20/2008 ⁽²⁾	05/20/2018	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.03							06/22/2007 ⁽²⁾	05/22/2017	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.64							05/24/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	05/24/2016	Common Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CASEY MICHAEL D 4575 SW RESEARCH WAY, SUITE 200 CORVALLIS, OR 97333	X			

Signatures

Michael D.
Casey

05/21/2009

**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) Restricted Stock Award granted 5/19/2009 to active non-employee Director. Award vests one year from date of grant and will be released provided the Director still is an active member of the Board.
- (2) Option Grant vests monthly until all shares are vested one year from date of grant.
- (3) Price not required on initial report of stock option granted.
- (4) Vesting: 25% of the shares vest each year from the date of grant with all shares vesting in four years.

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