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*  ANDERSON BRUCE K						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
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(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)																	Other (: below)	specify	
C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON AND STOWE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2004														
320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street)														X		iled by One	Ren	orting Perso	n	
NEW YORK NY 10022														X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																	
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Se	curities	s Ac	quired	Dis	posed o	of, or Be	nefi	cially	/ Owned	ı				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				Day/Year) i		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea		, Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acqui d Of (D) (In		4 and Securitie Benefici Owned I		es For ially (D) Following (I) (		Ownership rm: Direct ) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										v	Amount	(A) or (D)		rice	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/01.					/2004			A		621	621 A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	661,998			<b>D</b> <sup>(1)</sup>			
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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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	l. Fransaction Code (Instr. 3)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sha	ber						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$41.77	07/01/2004			A		3,724		(2)	0	7/01/2014	Common Stock	3,7	24	\$0	3,724		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The Reporting Person also indirectly beneficially owns (i) 17,790,349 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P.; (ii) 1,774,942 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P.; (iii) 523,049 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VI, L.P.; (iv) 655,555 shares held by WCAS Capital Partners III, L.P.; (v) 268,398 shares held by WCAS Capital Partners II, L.P.; and (vi) 148,766 shares held by WCAS Information Partners, L.P. The Reporting Person is a managing member or general partner of the respective sole general partners of such limited partnerships. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such limited partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein, and/or that are not actually distributed to him.

2. The option vests in full in June 2005, on the last day of the Reporting Person's duly elected term on the Issuer's board of directors.

## Remarks:

Jonathan M. Rather, Attorney-

07/06/2004

in-Fact

\*\* 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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