

AVI BIOPHARMA INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**HAYWOOD GEORGE WEAVER**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**MOOMJIAN, WAITE, WACTLAR & COLEMAN LLP, 100 JERICHO QUADRANGLE, SUITE 225**

(Street)

**JERICHO, NY 11753**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/27/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 03/27/2008                           |                                                    | P                              |                                                                   | 27,842                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 1.75                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 03/31/2008                           |                                                    | P                              |                                                                   | 156,423                                                                                       | A                                                        | \$ 1.83                                    |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 7,333,717                                  |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 1,426,953                                  |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | D                                          |
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code V (A) (D)                 |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |                                            |                                                          |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

/s/ George W. Haywood 03/31/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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