

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHASE ANTHONY R</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/22/2010</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Officer (give title below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3450 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY</u> <u>SUITE 101</u>		10% Owner Other (specify below)	
(Street) <u>BOTHELL WA 98021</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>169,312</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Common Stock Purchase Warrants</u>	<u>02/25/2010</u>	<u>08/25/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>1.78⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>D</u>

Explanation of Responses:

1. Mr. Chase holds 350,000 warrants to purchase common stock. Each warrant can be exercised to purchase 4/10 (or 0.4) of a share of common stock. Thus, Mr. Chase's 350,000 warrants are exercisable to purchase 140,000 shares of common stock at \$1.78 per share.

By: Melinda Miles, Attorney-
In-Fact For: Anthony Chase 04/22/2010

** 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 5 (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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