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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HUGHES ANDREW S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 4670 WILLOW ROAD SUITE 125 (Street) PLEASANTON CA 94588 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AEye, Inc. [LIDR]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Secretary & General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2026	
	4. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/09/2026		A		121,229 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	201,925	D	

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 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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Performance Stock Units	(2)	02/09/2026		A		121,229		(3)	12/31/2030	Common Stock	121,229	\$0	121,229	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents restricted stock units which convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis at vesting. The Reporting Person received a restricted stock unit award which vests as to 1/4th of the total shares on the 15th day of the second month of each calendar quarter for a period of four (4) calendar quarters beginning on February 15, 2026.
- Each performance stock unit ("PSU") is the economic equivalent of a share of common stock and represents the right to receive one share of common stock at vesting, unless sufficient shares are not available in the Company's 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, in which case the PSUs will be settled in cash based on the 5-day trailing average closing price of the Company's stock.
- The PSUs will incrementally vest when the Company's closing price, as reported on NASDAQ, based on a five-day trailing average: (i) meets or exceeds \$3.00 per share, as to one-third of the PSUs; (ii) meets or exceeds \$4.00 per share, as to one-third of the PSUs; and (iii) meets or exceeds \$5.00 per share, as to one-third of the PSUs. To the extent any PSUs have not vested by December 31, 2030, such PSUs shall be forfeited in their entirety.

/s/ Siraj Husain by power of attorney previously filed

02/11/2026

** 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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