

MITCHELL TYRONE D JR  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
MITCHELL TYRONE D JR		(Month/Day/Year)	CREE INC [CREE]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/18/2011	
C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DURHAM, NC 27703			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	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 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)
Common Stock	43,909 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/05/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/05/2015	Common Stock 55,000 \$ 31.12	D Â
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/02/2011 09/02/2015	Common Stock 10,000 \$ 22.9	D Â
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/01/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/01/2016	Common Stock 25,000 \$ 35.89	D Â
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/01/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/01/2017	Common Stock 30,000 \$ 55.3	D Â
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/01/2012 <sup>(5)</sup> 09/01/2018	Common Stock 40,000 \$ 30.92	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MITCHELL TYRONE D JR C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	Â	Â	Â EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Â

## Signatures

Tyrone D. Mitchell, Jr. 10/25/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Includes 20,400 shares of restricted stock vesting as to 6,500 shares on September 1, 2012; 5,700 shares on September 1, 2013; 4,700 shares on September 1, 2014; and 3,500 shares on September 1, 2015.
- (2) Option vests as to 15,000 shares on February 5, 2011 and as to 20,000 shares on each of February 5, 2012 and February 5, 2013.
- (3) Option vests as to 1,667 shares on September 1, 2010, as to 11, 667 shares on September 1, 2011 and as to 11,666 shares on September 1, 2012.
- (4) Option vests as to 10,000 shares on each of September 1, 2011, September 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013.
- (5) Option vests as to 13,334 shares on September 1, 2012 and as to 13,333 shares on each of September 1, 2013 and September 1, 2014.

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