FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Last) (First) (Middle) A.P. PHARMA, INC. 123 SAGINAW DRIVE					Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
123 SAGINA	W DRIVE				X Officer (give title below)			Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
(Street)						Chief Financia	al Of	ficer		X	Form filed by	y One Reporting Person	
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Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Stephen C. Whiteford 09/28/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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