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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| MANHARD | ss of Reporting Perso KIMBERLY | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ [HRTX] | | tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) | on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4242 CAMPUS POINT COURT SUITE 200 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2022 | EVP, Drug Development | | | | |
| (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 2A. Deemed 7. Nature 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect of Indirect Beneficial **Execution Date** Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Owned Following (Month/Day/Year) 8) (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) 01/13/2022 Common Stock 1,250 (1) 4,518 D Α M 01/13/2022 (1) Common Stock M 4,564 A 9,082 D **D**(2) 7,070 Common Stock 01/13/2022 F 2.012 \$8.3 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 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) | | |
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| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/13/2022 | | М | | | 1,250 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 1,250 | \$0.00 | 13,750 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/13/2022 | | M | | | 4,564 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 4,564 | \$0.00 | 50,756 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. Represents the withholding by the Company of certain of the vested shares of restricted stock to satisfy the minimum statutory tax obligations applicable to such transactions.
- 3. The restricted stock units vest in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning one quarter after the date of grant (10/13/2020).
- 4. The restricted stock units vest quarterly with 33% of the shares vesting during the first year, 33% of the shares vesting during the second year, 22% of the shares vesting during the third year and the remaining 12% of the shares vesting during the fourth year, such that all shares will be fully vested on the four year anniversary of the date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-fact for Kimberly Manhard

01/14/2022

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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