FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT	OF	CHANGES	IN BEI	NEFICIAL	OWNER	SHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Tierney David S</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KEMPHARM, INC [ KMPH ]							(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s     (Check all applicable)     X Director			on(s) to Issu			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O KEMPHARM, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/17/2021							Officer ( below)	give title		Other (s below)	pecify		
1180 CELEBRATION BOULEVARD, SUITE 103				)3 4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) CELEBRATION FL 34747												X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(S	itate)	(Zip)															
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
Date			. Transactio Date Month/Day/	Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5)			5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo Reported	s Form Illy (D) or ollowing (I) (In		Direct Indirect I	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
				Code V Amount (A) or (D)					Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				ilisti. 4)				
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. Conversi or Exerci Price of Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	Code (Instr.				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(instr. 4)				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.47 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/17/2021		A		15,000 <sup>(2)</sup>		(3)	06	6/16/2031	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	15,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1.\ The\ exercise\ price\ is\ equal\ to\ the\ closing\ price\ of\ the\ Issuer's\ common\ stock\ on\ the\ Nasdaq\ Capital\ Market\ on\ the\ date\ of\ grant,\ June\ 17,\ 2021.$
- 2. This grant was awarded as compensation for the Reporting Person's service on the Issuer's board of directors pursuant to the Issuer's sixth amended and restated non-employee director compensation policy.
- 3. One hundred percent (100%) of the shares subject to the option shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant, (ii) one day prior to the date of the first annual meeting of the Issuer's stockholders following the date of grant or (iii) immediately prior to a change in control of the Issuer, subject in each case to the Reporting Person's continued service on such vesting date.

/s/ Timothy J. Sangiovanni,

Attorney-in-Fact for David S.

06/21/2021

**Tierney** 

\*\* 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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