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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Statement

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SHREWSBURY STEPHEN B (Month/Day/Year)

AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

01/26/2009

4. Relationship of Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE

(Street)

1105

(Last)

(Check all applicable)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

(give title below) (specify below) SVP/Regulatory Affairs

Person Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

PORTLAND, Â ORÂ 97258

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(City)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of

Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Security:

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHREWSBURY STEPHEN B ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105 PORTLAND, OR 97258	Â	Â	Â SVP/Regulatory Affairs	Â

Signatures

Stephen Bevan
Shrewsbury

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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