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LANTRONIX INC  
Form SC 13G  
September 07, 2004

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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SCHEDULE 13G\*  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)

LANTRONIX, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

516548104  
(CUSIP Number)

August 27, 2004  
(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule 13G is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting  
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of  
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would  
alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be  
deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act  
of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the  
Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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- (1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Empire Capital Partners, L.P.

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(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\* (a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

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(3) SEC USE ONLY

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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

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NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER -0-  
SHARES \_\_\_\_\_

BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER 1,706,519  
OWNED BY \_\_\_\_\_

EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-  
REPORTING \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,706,519

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(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,706,519

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(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]

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(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 2.9%

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(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\* PN

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Empire GP, L.L.C.

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(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\* (a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

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(3) SEC USE ONLY

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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

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PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,746,831

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(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,746,831

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(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]

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(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 3.0%

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(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\* 00

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Scott A. Fine

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(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\* (a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

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(3) SEC USE ONLY

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(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States

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NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER -0-  
SHARES

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BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER 3,453,350  
OWNED BY

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EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-  
REPORTING

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PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,453,350 (1)

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(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,453,350 (1)

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(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]

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(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.9%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*\*  
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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.  
OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Peter J. Richards

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*\*  
(a) [ ]  
(b) [X]

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
United States

NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER -0-  
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER 3,453,350  
OWNED BY

EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-  
REPORTING

PERSON WITH (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,453,350

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,453,350

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \*\* [ ]

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.9%

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

The name of the issuer is LANTRONIX, INC.(the "Company").

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 15353 Barranca Parkway Irvine, CA 92618

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

This statement is filed by:

- (i) Empire Capital Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Empire Capital"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock (as defined below) directly owned by it;
- (ii) Empire GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Empire GP"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by Empire Capital;
- (iii) Empire Capital Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company with respect to shares of Common Stock directly owned by Empire Capital Partners, Ltd., Empire Capital Partners II, Ltd. (the "Empire Overseas Funds"), Charter Oak Partners, L.P. and Charter Oak Partners II, L.P. "Charter Oak Funds")
- (iv) Mr. Scott A. Fine ("Mr. Fine") with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by Empire Capital, the Empire Overseas Funds and the Charter Oak Funds; and
- (iv) Mr. Peter J. Richards ("Mr. Richards") with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by Empire Capital, The Empire Overseas Funds and the Charter Oak Funds.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The address of the principal business and principal office of Empire Capital and Empire GP is 1 Gorham Island, Westport, CT 06880. The business address of Messrs. Fine and Richards is 1 Gorham Island, Westport, CT 06880.

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Empire Capital is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Empire GP is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Messrs. Fine and Richards are each a United States citizen.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock (the "Common Stock")

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Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c)  Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d)  Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (e)  Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (E),
- (f)  Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (F),
- (g)  Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (G),
- (h)  Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,
- (i)  Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to 13d-1(c), check this box:

Item 4. Ownership.

A. Empire Capital Partners, L.P. and Empire GP, L.L.C.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,706,519
- (b) Percent of class: 2.9%. The percentages used herein and in the rest of Item 4 are calculated based upon the 58,005,895 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on April 30, 2004 as reflected in the Company's Form 10-Q filed on May 27, 2004 filed on Form 10Q.
- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 1,706,519
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,706,519

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Empire Capital has the power to dispose of and the power to vote the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by it, which power may be exercised by its general partner, Empire GP. Empire GP does not directly own any shares of Common Stock. By reason of the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), Empire GP may be deemed to own beneficially the shares owned by Empire Capital.

- B. Empire Capital Management, L.L.C.
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,746,831
  - (b) Percent of class: 3.0%
  - (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 1,746,831
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:  
          1,746,831
- C. Scott A. Fine and Peter J. Richards
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,453,350
  - (b) Percent of class: 5.9%
  - (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 3,453,350
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:  
          3,453,350

Messrs. Fine and Richards, as Members, direct the operations of Empire GP and Empire Capital Management, L.L.C. Neither Mr. Fine nor Mr. Richards directly own any shares of Common Stock. By reason of the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Act, each may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Empire Capital, the Empire Overseas Funds and the Charter Oak Funds.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

The Empire Overseas Funds and the Charter Oak Funds, clients of Empire Capital management L.L.C., have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the securities reported on this Schedule 13G.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.



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Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: September 7, 2004

By: /s/ Scott A. Fine

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Scott A. Fine, individually, as  
member of Empire GP, L.L.C., general  
partner of Empire Capital Partners, L.P.  
as member of Empire Capital  
Management, LLC

By: /s/ Peter J. Richards

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Peter J. Richards, individually, and as  
member of Empire GP, L.L.C., general  
partner of Empire Capital Partners, L.P.