CARRIAGE SERVICES INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

PAYNE MELVIN C CAR (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date			Symbol CARR	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner		
3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300		11/06/2015				XOfficer (give titleOther (specify below) CEO				
				nendment, Date Original onth/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			
HOUSTON	N, TX 77056							Person	More than One F	Reporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executio any		ate, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/06/2015			Code V M	Amount 21,200	(D)	Price \$ 4.78	1,303,343	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2015			M	14,000	A	\$ 5.7	1,317,343	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2015			F	7,508 (1)	D	\$ 24.13	1,309,835	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2015			G	425	D	\$ 23.35	1,309,410	D	

Spouse

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Common			daughter in
Stock	80,270	I	same
SIUCK			household

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu or D (D)	urities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 4.78	11/06/2015		M		21,200	(2)	05/18/2020	Common Stock	21,200
Stock Options	\$ 5.7	11/06/2015		M		14,000	(3)	02/28/2021	Common Stock	14,000
Stock Options	\$ 22.58						<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 20.49						<u>(5)</u>	03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 16.73						<u>(6)</u>	05/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PAYNE MELVIN C							
3040 POST OAK BLVD	X		CEO				
SUITE 300	Λ		CEO				
HOUSTON, TX 77056							

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/s/ Melvin C. Payne 11/10/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents the surrender of already-owned shares on November 6, 2015 to cover payment of option exercise price.
- (2) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 05/18/2011, 1/3 vested on 5/18/2012 and 1/3 vested on 5/18/2013. These stock options expire on 5/18/2020.
- (3) Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 02/28/2012, 1/3 on 02/28/2013 and 1/3 on 02/28/2014. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.
- (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/3 on 2/24/2016, 1/3 on 2/24/2017 and 1/3 on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 2/24/2022.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/3 on 3/3/2015, 1/3 on 3/3/2016 and 1/3 on 3/3/2017. These stock options expire on 3/3/2019.
- (6) Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 05/22/2014, 1/3 on 05/22/2015 and 1/3 on 05/22/2016. These stock options expire on 05/22/2018.

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