

SCOTT RICHARD WALDO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| SCOTT RICHARD WALDO | | | (Month/Day/Year) | CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 02/25/2009 | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| P.O. BOX 650 | | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| NEW VERNON, NJ | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 63,420 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Title | Amount or Number of | | |

Shares (I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCOTT RICHARD WALDO P.O. BOX 650 NEW VERNON, NJ 07976 | X | ^ | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

/s/ Richard W. Scott 03/11/2009

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) These 63,420 shares were awarded by Registrant in connection with the election of the Reporting Person to the Board of Directors. 31,710 shares are vested immediately, 15,855 shares vest on February 25, 2010 and 15,855 shares vest on February 25, 2011.

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