

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SHIVERS GARY R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP [MRLN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP., 124 GAITHER DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President

(Street)
 MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/17/2004		S ⁽¹⁾	3,075	D	18.3092	267,734 ⁽³⁾	D
						\$	⁽²⁾	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 18.8					01/29/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/28/2014	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 1.91					10/01/2001 ⁽⁵⁾ 10/01/2007	Common Stock	31,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 4.23					04/03/2004 ⁽⁵⁾ 04/03/2010	Common Stock	28,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 10.18					10/04/2005 ⁽⁵⁾ 10/04/2011	Common Stock	51,240
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.39					01/17/2006 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/17/2012	Common Stock	14,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 3.39					01/13/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/13/2013	Common Stock	7,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 10.18					01/13/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/13/2013	Common Stock	6,650

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHIVERS GARY R C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. 124 GAITHER DRIVE MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054	X		President	

Signatures

/s/ George D. Pelose Attorney
in Fact

12/20/2004

__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) The sale of shares of Marlin Business Services Corp. reported on this Form 4 was executed pursuant to a written plan adopted by the reporting person on May 10, 2004, that is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) Represents average sales price per share.
- Includes 24,795 shares of restricted stock awarded to the reporting person pursuant to the Marlin Business Services Corp. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan. The reporting person elected to allocate 75% of his target bonus for 2004, 2005 and 2006 to restricted stock (in lieu of cash). The number of shares was determined using the closing price of \$15.88 on the award date (March 9, 2004).
- (3) Compensation Plan. The reporting person elected to allocate 75% of his target bonus for 2004, 2005 and 2006 to restricted stock (in lieu of cash). The number of shares was determined using the closing price of \$15.88 on the award date (March 9, 2004).
- (4) Date listed is date of scheduled full vesting. This grant vests over an eight year period at the following annual increments: 2.5% in first year; 5.0% in second year; 7.5% in third year; 10.0% in fourth year; 15.0% in fifth year; and 20.0% in each of the sixth, seventh and eighth years. Vesting can be accelerated upon the reporting person's achievement of certain performance goals set forth in the grant instrument.
- (5) Date listed is the date of full vesting. Each grants vests 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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