

SICKEL BRUCE E  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SICKEL BRUCE E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2005

C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP., 300 FELLOWSHIP ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/14/2005	Â	J	(A) or (D) Amount (D) Price 14,978 (1) D \$ (2) 8,567 (3)		D	Â

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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 17.52	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/11/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/10/2012	Common Stock 4,825
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 14	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/11/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 11/10/2013	Common Stock 30,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 18.8	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/29/2012 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/28/2014	Common Stock 10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SICKEL BRUCE E C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. 300 FELLOWSHIP ROAD MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054	Â	Â	Â Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Bruce E. Sickel  
Date: 02/14/2006

\*\*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).

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- (1) Forfeiture of restricted stock upon effectiveness of Transition Agreement relating to termination of employment (pursuant to the terms of the grant instruments and the Marlin Business Services Corp. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan).
- (2) N/A
- (3) Includes 526 shares acquired under the Marlin Business Services Corp. 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan") on June 30, 2005 and 527 shares acquired under the Plan on December 31, 2005.
- (4) Date listed is date of full vesting. This grant vests 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.  
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)

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