

PAYNE MELVIN C
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FORM 4

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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 *
PAYNE MELVIN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/09/2011

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056

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		
Common Stock	11/09/2011		S ⁽¹⁾	1,800 D	\$ 5.765	1,522,540	D
Common Stock	11/10/2011		S ⁽¹⁾	4,100 D	\$ 5.7544	1,518,440	D
Common Stock						4,818	I Spouse
Common Stock						10,800	I Minor daughter
Common Stock	11/11/2011		S	1,800 D	\$ 5.8097	1,516,640	D

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with columns for Title of Security, Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, Transaction Date, Deemed Execution Date, Transaction Code, Number of Derivative Securities, Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, Price of Derivative Security, and Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns for Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for PAYNE MELVIN C, 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77056, CEO.

Signatures

/S/ Melvin C. Payne 11/14/2011
**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) Sales on 11/09/2011, 11/10/2011, and 11/11/2011 were pursuant to his 10b5-1 plan.

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