#### CARRION RICHARD L

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instructi 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  $\underline{\overset{*}{\_}}$  CARRION RICHARD L

(First) (Middle)

P O BOX 362708

(Last)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

POPULAR INC [BPOP]
3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_X\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Softicer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

President and Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X <u>(1)</u>	25,353	A	\$ 21	702,878	D		
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X <u>(1)</u>	2,004	A	\$ 21	53,220	I	By children	
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X <u>(1)</u>	77	A	\$ 21	2,077	I	By wife	

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Common							
Stock Par	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X(1)	64,196 A	\$ 21 1,733,291	I	Jr Invest -
Value \$6			_				RLC (2)
per share							

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	A(3)	25,353 (4)		12/19/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share
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Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X <u>(1)</u>		77 <u>(4)</u>	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share
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Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	X <u>(1)</u>		64,196 (4)	12/19/2005	12/19/2005	Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
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CARRION RICHARD L P O BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708	X		President and Chairman					

## **Signatures**

Richard L.
Carrion

\*\*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) Exercise of Common Stock Subscription Rights.
- (2) Ownership of 17.89% in Junior Investment Corp., which owned 9,693,527 shares of Popular, Inc. at the end of December 19,2005.
- (3) Represents the acquisition of subscription rights pursuant to a pro rata grant to shareholders of Popular, Inc.
- (4) Represents rights to acquire shares pursuant to the report person's basic subscriptions rights.

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