

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/29/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/29/2016		M		24,135	A	\$ 5.7
Common Stock	03/29/2016		F		6,502	D	\$ 21.16
Common Stock							3,518
Common Stock							80,270
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							I daughter in same household

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options	\$ 5.7	03/29/2016		M	24,135	(2)	02/28/2021	Common Stock	24,135
Stock Options	\$ 20.06					(3)	02/23/2026	Common Stock	58,500
Performance Award	(4)					(4)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	17,900
Stock Options	\$ 22.58					(5)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 20.49					(6)	03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 16.73					(7)	05/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE MELVIN C 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X		CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Melvin C.  
Payne

03/30/2016

\*\*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) Represents the surrender of already-owned shares on March 29, 2016 to cover payment of option exercise price.

Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 44,702 options granted on 02/28/2011, all of which are vested. 3,283 options were exercised on 12/20/2012, 14,000 options were exercised on 11/06/2015 and 24,135 options were exercised on 3/29/16. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.

(3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/5 each year on 2/23/2017, 2/23/2018, 2/23/2019, 2/23/2020 and 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.

Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2020 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Relative Shareholder Return performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Relative Shareholder Return performance represents 75% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 25% of the award.

(5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 2/24/2016, 1/3 will vest on 2/24/2017 and 1/3 on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 2/24/2022.

(6) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 3/3/2015, 1/3 on 3/3/2016 and 1/3 will vest on 3/3/2017. These stock options expire on 3/3/2019.

(7) Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 05/22/2014, 1/3 on 05/22/2015 and 1/3 will vest on 05/22/2016. These stock options expire on 05/22/2018.

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