

Elliott Paul Donald
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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 *
 Elliott Paul Donald

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)
 5219 LAURELWOOD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/22/2013

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Regional Partner

KINGWOOD, TX 77345

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 __X__ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	15,825	D	

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 16.73	05/22/2013		A	30,000	(1) 05/22/2018	Common Stock	30,000
Performance Award (2)	\$ 9 (3)					(2) 08/31/2017	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Elliott Paul Donald 5219 LAURELWOOD KINGWOOD, TX 77345				Regional Partner

Signatures

/s/ Paul D. Elliott
05/24/2013

**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) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 05/22/2014, 1/3 on 05/22/2015 and 1/3 on 05/22/2016. These stock options expire on 05/22/2018.
Represents performance-based stock awards granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on or before August 31, 2017 on the date on which the closing price of Carriage's Common
 - (2) Stock is greater than or equal to \$21.50 for the third time, whether or not consecutive, within a period of 30 consecutive calendar days. If these conditions are satisfied on or prior to the first anniversary of the grant date, which is August 31, 2013, then the vesting date of these awards will be August 31, 2013; provided that the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date.
 - (3) The award represents the right of the Reporting Person to receive shares of Carriage Services, Inc. Common Stock in exchange for payment of a purchase price equal to \$9.00 per share.

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