

PAYNE MELVIN C  
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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

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)  
01/31/2011

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Common Stock	01/31/2011		F	(A) or (D) D	7,390 (1) \$ 5.1	D	
Common Stock					4,818	I	Spouse
Common Stock					10,800	I	Minor Daughter

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)

Table with 10 columns: 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), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4), 10. Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationships sub-columns: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Entry: PAYNE MELVIN C, 3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300, HOUSTON, TX 77056, Director (X), Officer (CEO).

Signatures

/s/ Melvin C. Payne 02/02/2011

\*\*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) Represents 7,390 shares withheld on January 31, 2011 to cover taxes associated with the vesting of shares of restricted stock granted on January 29, 2009 to the Reporting Person under the Carriage Services Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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