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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Donahue J David			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			GEO GROUP INC [GEO]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
ONE PARK PLACE, 621 NW 53RD STREET, SUITE 700			04/24/2018	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
				below) below) SVP-Corrections & Detention			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
BOCA RATON, FL 33487-8239				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
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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)	action Date 2A. Deemed Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	•	1 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D) Prio	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Restricted Stock	04/24/2018		A	37,500 (1)	A \$0	96,000	D		
Common Stock						24,588	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date		Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Donahue J David ONE PARK PLACE 621 NW 53RD STREET, SUITE 700 BOCA RATON, FL 33487-8239

SVP-Corrections & Detention

Signatures

/s/John J. Bulfin, as Attorney-in-Fact for J. David Donahue

04/26/2018

**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).

Vesting of this grant of restricted stock of GEO is contingent upon the achievement by GEO of certain performance-based metrics during the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 as certified by the compensation committee. Under the terms of the restricted

(1) stock grant, these shares will vest on March 10, 2021 to the extent the performance goals are achieved. Of the grant of restricted stock, 50% is subject to vesting based on GEO's total shareholder return over a three-year period and 50% is subject to vesting based on certain return on capital employed performance goals being met.

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