Venturella David J Form 4 April 26, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Venturella David J

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GEO GROUP INC [GEO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

SVP-Business Development

Issuer

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

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify

621 NW 53RD STREET, SUITE 700 04/24/2018

(Middle)

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

(City)		(State) (2	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative So	ecuriti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Restricte Stock	ed	04/24/2018		A	30,000 (1)	A	\$0	75,000	D	
Common Stock	1							23,721	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 o	of 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivativ	ve Conversion	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date,		Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amoun	it of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative			Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene	
	Derivative				Securities Acquired			(Instr. 3 and 4)	3 and 4)		Own
	Security										Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		or		
									Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Venturella David J 621 NW 53RD STREET SUITE 700 BOCA RATON, FL 33487

SVP-Business Development

Signatures

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

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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