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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Patteson Donald Douglas Jr			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2011 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARRIAGE SERVICES INC</u> [ CSV ]							
(Last) 10500 RICHM	(First) IOND	(Middle)				tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director	on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
SUITE 110						Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)		pplicable Line)	/Group Filing (Check
(Street) HOUSTON	TX	77042								y One Reporting Person y More than One erson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)									4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock						19,193	D			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversio or Exercis Price of		(Instr. 5)
Explanation of Re			Date Exercisable	Expiratior Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security		

Remarks:

/s/ Donald D. Patteson

<u>08/11/2011</u> Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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