## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	ress of Reporting F	Person <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARRIAGE SERVICES INC</u> [ CSV ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
PAYNE ME	<u>ELVIN C</u>			X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	— x	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
3040 POST OAK BLVD			03/03/2014		CEO				
SUITE 300									
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	/idual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable			
HOUSTON	ТХ	77056		X	Form filed by One Re	porting Person			
					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(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. Transa Code ( 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/03/2014		A		50,000(1)	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	1,421,373	D	
Common Stock								3,518	Ι	Spouse
Common Stock								70,000	Ι	daughter in same household

#### 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)		Transaction Derivative Code (Instr. Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Options	\$20.49	03/03/2014		Α		100,000		(2)	03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000	\$ <mark>0</mark>	100,000	D	
Stock Options	\$4.78							(3)	05/18/2020	Common Stock	21,200		21,200	D	
Stock Options	\$5.7							(4)	02/28/2021	Common Stock	41,419		41,419	D	
Stock Options	\$16.73							(5)	05/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted Stock grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/4 on 3/3/2015, 1/4 on 3/3/2017 and 1/4 on 3/3/2018.

2. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/3 on 3/3/2015, 1/3 on 3/3/2016 and 1/3/2017. These stock options expire on 3/3/2019.

3. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 05/18/2011, 1/3 vested on 5/18/2012 and 1/3 vested on 5/18/2013. These stock options expire on 5/18/2020.

4. Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 02/28/2012, 1/3 on 02/28/2013 and 1/3 on 02/28/2014. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.

5. Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 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.

**Remarks:** 

/s/ Melvin C. Payne

03/05/2014

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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