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FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PAYNE MELVIN C						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2014								X Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  CEO					
(Street)	HOUSTON TX 77056													Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S		(Zip)		<u> </u>														
Table I - Non-Deriv.  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					action	ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Secur Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acquir d Of (D) (Ins	ed (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
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Common Stock 12/09					9/2014	2014			G	G		D	\$19.98	1,410	1,410,561		D		
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					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Options	\$4.78							П	(1)	0:	5/18/2020	Common Stock	21,200		21,20	00	D		
Stock Options	\$5.7								(2)	0:	2/28/2021	Common Stock	41,419		41,41	19	D		
Stock Options	\$16.73								(3)	0	5/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000		100,00	00	D		
Stock	\$20.49							П	(4)	0.	3/03/2019	Common	100,000		100,00	00	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 05/18/2011, 1/3 on 05/18/2012 and 1/3 on 05/18/2013. These stock options expire on 05/18/2020.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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 on 3/3/2017. These stock options expire on 3/3/2019.

## Remarks:

/s/ Melvin C. Payne

12/10/2014

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 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).

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