FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  DODDS JAY D						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [ CSV ]									heck all a Dir	oplicable) ector		Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 8515 ATASCOCITA LAKE WAY							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2011								X bel	er (give title Other (s below)  EVP & COO		
(Street) HUMBLE TX 77346 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) <mark>X</mark> Fo Fo				
		Tabl	e I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	osed o	f, or	Bene	ficia	lly Owi	ned		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)					d Secu Bend Own	nount of rities ficially ed Following orted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
										v	Amount	ount (A) or (D)		Price	Tran	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)		(IIISU. 4)
Common Stock 12/30/2							2011		F		6,238 <sup>(1)</sup>		D	\$5	6 220,198		D	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	cution Date, TI C C Nth/Day/Year) 8		ansaction of D D S S A (A D D Of D D D D		sed . 3, 4	6. Date E: Expiration (Month/Di	n Date	•	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		ount	8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents 6,238 shares withheld on December 30,2011 to cover taxes associated with the accelerated vesting of shares granted on May 18, 2010, pursuant to Mr. Dodd's separation agreement dated November 3,2011.

## Remarks:

<u>/S/ Jay D. Dodds</u> <u>01/04/2012</u>

\*\* 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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