PAYNE MELVIN C

Form 4

Common

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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PAYNE MELVIN C Issuer Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 12/24/2018 below) below) 300 **CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77056 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/24/2018 G 1.550 1,336,266 D 14.5 Stock Melvin C. Payne, Jr. Common 17,857 I 2016 Stock Annuity Trust Karen P.

Payne

2016

Annuity Trust

17,857

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Common Stock 10,661 I

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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 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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and 2. Underlying 3 (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 25.43					<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2028	Common Stock	50,000	
Stock Options	\$ 26.54					(2)	03/21/2027	Common Stock	116,100	
Stock Options	\$ 20.06					(3)	02/23/2026	Common Stock	58,500	
Stock Options	\$ 22.58					<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000	
Stock Options	\$ 20.49					(5)	03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000	
Stock Options	\$ 5.7					<u>(6)</u>	02/28/2021	Common Stock	3,284	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PAYNE MELVIN C							
3040 POST OAK BLVD	X		CEO				
SUITE 300	Λ		CEO				
HOUSTON, TX 77056							

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/s/ Melvin C. Payne 12/26/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Plan which will vest 1/5 on 2/14/2019, 2/14/2020, 2/14/2021, 2/14/2022 and 2/14/2023. The options expire on 2/14/2028.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which (2) vested 1/5 on 3/21/2018 and 1/5 will vest each year on 3/21/2019, 3/21/2020, 3/21/2021 and 3/21/2022. These stock options expire on 3/21/2027.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which 1/5 (3) vested on 2/23/2017, 1/5 on 2/23/2018 and 1/5 will vest on 2/23/2019, 2/23/2020 and 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.
- (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 2/24/2016, 1/3 on 2/24/2017 and 1/3 on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 2/24/2022.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 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.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 44,702 options granted on 02/28/2011, of which 14,900 options vested on 02/28/2012 and 3,283 were exercised on 12/20/2012, 14,901 options vested on 02/28/2013 and 14,000 were exercised on 11/06/2015 and 24,135 options were exercised on 03/29/2016. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.

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