PAYNE MELVIN C

Form 4

January 30, 2009

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A PAYNE ME	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	Middle) 3. Date o	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Circ	ск ан аррисаов	c)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			(Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2009			_X_ Director _X_ Officer (gives)		6 Owner er (specify
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HOUSTON,					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/29/2009		A	75,000	A \$0	1,316,977	D	

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						Exercisable Date	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

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							

Signatures

/s/ Melvin C.
Payne

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/30/2009

Date

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