

DENNYS CORP  
Form 4  
January 26, 2007

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SHEPHERD DONALD R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**203 EAST MAIN STREET**

(Street)

**SPARTANBURG, SC 29319**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**DENNYS CORP [DENN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**01/24/2007**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
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|                                                  | Derivative<br>Security |            | Code | V | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                  |                        |            |      |   |        |     |                     |                    |                 |                                     |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 5.52                | 01/24/2007 | A    |   | 18,900 |     | (1)                 | 01/24/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 18,900                              |
| Deferred<br>Stock Unit                           | (2)                    | 01/24/2007 | A    |   | 8,100  |     | (2)                 | (2)                | Common<br>Stock | 8,100                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHEPHERD DONALD R<br>203 EAST MAIN STREET<br>SPARTANBURG, SC 29319 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

J. Scott Melton for Donald R.  
Shepherd

01/26/2007

\_\_\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

\_\_\_\_Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The option, granted on 01/24/07 pursuant to the Denny's Corporation 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan, vests annually in 33 1/3% increments beginning on the first (1st) anniversary of the grant date and expires on the tenth (10th) anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Deferred Stock Units were granted under the Denny's Corporation 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan and are payable, on a "1-for-1" basis, in common stock of the Issuer upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director of Denny's Corporation.

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