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(Print or Type Responses)				
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> PAYNE MELVIN C	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]	5. Relationship of Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300	3. Date of Earliest Transaction(Month/Day/Year)07/29/2016	X Director X Officer (give below)		% Owner her (specify
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77056	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	One Reporting P	erson
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly Owned
(Instr. 3) any	med 3. 4. Securities Acquired n Date, if Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price	Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common 07/29/2016 Stock	G 205 D $\frac{$}{24.31}$	1,241,640	D	
Common Stock		25,000	I	Melvin C. Payne, Jr. 2016 Annuity Trust
Common Stock		25,000	I	Karen P. Payne 2016 Annuity Trust

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Common Stock						3,518	Ι	Spouse	
Common Stock						90,000	Ι	daughter same househol	
in re di				ally owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.			SEC 1474 (9-02)		
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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date Underlyin (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 a ve es 1		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 20.06					<u>(1)</u>	02/23/2026	Common Stock	58,500
Performance Award	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	17,900
Stock Options	\$ 22.58					(3)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 20.49					(4)	03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 16.73					(5)	05/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 5.7					(6)	02/28/2021	Common Stock	3,284

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
	Х		CEO		

PAYNE MELVIN C 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Signatures

**Signature of

Reporting Person

/s/ Melvin C.

08/01/2016

Payne

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) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/5 each year on 2/23/2017, 2/23/2018, 2/23/2019, 2/23/2020 and 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.

Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2020 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Relative Shareholder Return

- (2) Consolidated EDITIDA (Adjusted Earnings Detore interest has Depreciation and Antiouzation) and Relative Shareholder Return performance represents 75% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 25% of the award.
- (3) 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 will vest on 2/24/2017 and 1/3 on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 2/24/2022.
- (4) 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 will vest on 3/3/2017. These stock options expire on 3/3/2019.
- (5) Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 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.

Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 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

(6) granted on 02/20/2011, or which 14,500 options vested on 02/20/2012 and 3,205 were exercised on 12/20/2012, 14,501 options vested on 02/28/2013 and 14,000 were exercised on 11/06/2015 and 24,135 options were exercised on 3/29/16. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.

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