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(Print or Type Responses)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting PAYNE MELVIN C	er Name and Tick		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last) (First) 3040 POST OAK BLVD, S 300	(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2017			(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) CEO			
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77056	nendment, Date Or (onth/Day/Year)	iginal	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 					
(City) (State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Deriva	tive Securities A	cquired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction(A) of Code (Inst	(A) or (Disposed of (D) (A) (A) or (D) Price	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 03/21/2017 Stock		G 190	D $\frac{$}{26.54}$	1,230,219	D			
Common Stock				3,518	Ι	Spouse		
Common Stock				25,000	I	Melvin C. Payne, Jr. 2016 Annuity Trust		
Common Stock				25,000	Ι	Karen P. Payne 2016		

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Common Stock						90,000	I	Annuity Trust daughter same househole	
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	,	Table II - Derivative (e.g., puts,	Securities Acquired calls, warrants, opt				ed		
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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 26.54					<u>(1)</u>	03/21/2027	Common Stock	116,100
Performance Award	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	12/31/2021	Common Stock	26,380
Stock Options	\$ 20.06					(3)	02/23/2026	Common Stock	58,500
Performance Award	<u>(4)</u>					(4)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	17,900
Stock Options	\$ 22.58					(5)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 20.49					(6)	03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 16.73					<u>(7)</u>	05/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 5.7					(8)	02/28/2021	Common Stock	3,284

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addro	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PAYNE MELVIN C 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77056	Х		CEO			
Signatures						
/s/ Melvin C. Payne	03/23/2017					
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<u>**</u>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) 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 3/21/2018, 3/21/2019, 3/21/2020, 3/21/2021 and 3/21/2022. These stock options expire on 3/21/2027.

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, 2021 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA

- (2) Consolidated EDITDA (Adjusted Earlings before interest fax Depreciation and Adjusted Consolidated EDITDA Margin performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 50% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin performance represents 50% of the award.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which 1/5 vested on 2/23/2017 and 1/5 will vest on 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

- (4) Consolidated EDITIDA (Addisted Earnings Detore interest has Depreciation and Antiouzation) and Relative Sinacholder Return performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Relative Shareholder Return performance represents 75% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 25% of the award.
- (5) 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 will vest on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 2/24/2022.
- (6) 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 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 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

(8) 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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