

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 EZERSKI RONALD E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
 [PDCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 26531 ROOKERY LAKE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/09/2005

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

BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34134  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |                             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2005                           |                                                    | S                              | 200,000                                                           | D \$ 50.0527                                                                                  | 2,303,156                                                | I                                                     | See Footnote (1) <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2005                           |                                                    | S                              | 200,000                                                           | D \$ 50.07                                                                                    | 2,103,156                                                | I                                                     | See Footnote (1) <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 768,840                                                  | D                                                     |                             |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Director Stock Options                     | (2)                                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (3)                                                      | (4)                                                           | Common Stock                               | 108,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EZERSKI RONALD E<br>26531 ROOKERY LAKE DRIVE<br>BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34134 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney  
03/10/2005

\_\_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) Held by grantor retained annuity trusts.
- (2) Options granted as follows: 36,000 on 10/01/2000 at \$11.25, 36,000 on 10/01/2001 at \$18.475, 12,000 on 9/10/02 at \$23.9425, 12,000 on 9/9/03 at \$27.8575, and 12,000 on 9/13/04 at \$37.18.
- (3) Options exercisable as follows: 36,000 on October 1st of each year 2001-2002, 12,000 on 9/10/03, 12,000 on 9/09/04 and 12,000 on 9/13/2005.
- (4) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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