

ESCALADE INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MATTHEWS BLAINE E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 15

(Street)

CORNWALL BRIDGE, CT 06754

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ESCALADE INC [ESCA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/24/2006

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/24/2006	04/24/2006	A	(1)	2,305 \$ 13.88	D	
Common Stock					83,000	I	Spouse
Common Stock					2,000 (2)	I	Adult Children

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 11.26	04/24/2006	04/24/2006	A	1,152 (3)	04/24/2007 04/24/2011	Common Stock	1,152
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 11.26	04/24/2006	04/24/2006	A	2,000 (4)	04/24/2007 04/24/2011	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MATTHEWS BLAINE E JR PO BOX 15 CORNWALL BRIDGE, CT 06754			X	

## Signatures

/s/ Blaine E.  
Matthews Jr. 04/25/2006

\*\*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) Shares awarded as director compensation in lieu of cash pursuant to the 1977 Directors Stock Compensation and Option Plan.
- (2) Mr. Matthews disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by his adult children.
- (3) Options granted pursuant to the 1997 Directors Stock Compensation and Option Plan. These options vest and are exercisable one year after grant at \$11.26 per share; and expire five years from date of grant.
- (4) Options granted to independent directors pursuant to a shareholder vote on April 22, 2006. Options vest one year from date of grant, expire 5 years from date of grant, and are exercisable at \$11.26 per share.

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