

ESCALADE 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 *
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)
04/26/2006

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)
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2006 | 04/26/2006 | F | 768 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 11.38 | 257,936 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2006 | 04/26/2006 | M | 2,304 ₍₂₎ A \$ 3.8 | 260,240 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 83,000 | I | Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,000 ⁽³⁾ | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 3.8 | 04/26/2006 | 04/26/2006 | M | 2,304 | 04/26/2003 04/28/2006 | Common Stock | 2,304 |

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. 04/27/2006

**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 tendered to Escalade, Incorporated in connection with the exercise of non-qualified stock options.
- (2) Purchased in the exercise of non-qualified stock options granted under the 1997 Director Stock Compensation and Option Plan.
- (3) Mr. Matthews disclaims beneficial ownership of shares owned by his adult children.
- (4) Options granted pursuant to the 1997 Directors Stock Compensation and Option Plan. These options vest and are exercisable one year after grant at prices ranging from \$10.68 to \$17.24; and expire five years from date of grant.

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