WATSON H MITCHELL JR

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WATSON H MITCHELL JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

A

155 FRANKLIN ROAD, SUITE 400 01/03/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A) or

\$0

Transaction(s)

6,000

Code V Amount (D) Price

Α

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

01/03/2006

3,000

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)

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| 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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (ADisposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5) | A) or (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount of Number of Shares |
| 1 | Stock Units (SU) | \$ 0 (1) | 01/03/2006 | | A | 410.798 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 410.79 |
| (| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.13 | | | | | | 05/25/2005 | 05/25/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| (| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.71 | | | | | | 01/03/2006 | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| F | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| WATSON H MITCHELL JR 155 FRANKLIN ROAD SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact for H. Mitchell Watson, Jr. 01/03/2006

**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) The security converts to common stock on a one-to-one basis.
- (2) The SU were accrued under the Company's Directors Fees Deferral Plan and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director

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