#### PAYNE MELVIN C

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1(b).

Common

Common

11/11/2011

Stock

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PAYNE MELVIN C 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]  (Check all applicable)	Issuer			
(Check all applicable)  (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction  (Month/Day/Year)X_ Director 10% Owner  3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 11/09/2011X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO	у			
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne				
Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3)  any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficially (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (D) or Ownership Form: Direct Beneficially (Instr. 4)  (A) Reported (Instr. 4)  Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Code V Amount (D) Price (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock 11/09/2011 S(1) 1,800 D \$ 5.765 1,522,540 D				
Common Stock $11/10/2011$ $S_{\underline{(1)}}$ $4,100$ D $5.7544$ $1,518,440$ D				
Common Stock 4,818 I Spous	se			

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1,800 D

Minor

daughter

10,800

1,516,640

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	٩
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative			Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)	]
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	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or						J
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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									or		
						Date	Expiration	piration Title Num	Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PAYNE MELVIN C							
3040 POST OAK BLVD	X		CEO				
SUITE 300	Λ		CLO				
HOUSTON, TX 77056							

# **Signatures**

/S/ Melvin C.
Payne

\*\*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) Sales on 11/09/2011, 11/10/2011, and 11/11/2011 were pursuant to his 10b5-1 plan.

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