PAYNE MELVIN C

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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FATNE MELVIN C			Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]				[CSV]	(Chack all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2012					(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO			
HOUSTON	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One Person				One Reporting P	Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-D	Perivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction E (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, Amount	(A) or (D)	d of (D)	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)	
Stock	11/16/2012			G	1,000	D	10.82	1,466,409	D		
Common Stock								3,818	I	Spouse	
Common Stock								41,200	I	Daughter in same household	
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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of 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		CEO				
HOUSTON, TX 77056							

Signatures

/s/ Melvin C.
Payne

**Signature of Reporting Person

11/19/2012

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).

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