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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PAYNE MELVIN C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77056 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2023	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2023		A		30,780 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$32.69	1,227,603	D	
Common Stock								4,164	I	Melvin C. Payne, Jr. 2016 Annuity Trust
Common Stock								24,354	I	Spouse
Common Stock								4,164	I	Karen P. Payne 2016 Annuity Trust

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options	\$32.69	02/22/2023		A		66,666		(2)	02/22/2033	Common Stock	66,666	(2)	66,666	D	
Stock Options	\$49.48							(3)	02/23/2032	Common Stock	80,000		80,000	D	
Performance Award	(4)							(4)	12/31/2024	Common Stock	181,019		181,019	D	
Stock Options	(5)							(5)	02/17/2031	Common Stock	150,000		150,000	D	
Stock Options	\$34.79							(6)	02/17/2031	Common Stock	150,000		150,000	D	
Stock Options	\$25.43							(7)	02/14/2028	Common Stock	50,000		50,000	D	
Stock Options	\$26.54							(8)	03/21/2027	Common Stock	116,100		116,100	D	
Stock Options	\$20.06							(9)	02/23/2026	Common Stock	54,545		54,545	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Restricted Stock grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan which will vest in equal increments each year over three years beginning 2/22/2024.
- Stock Options granted on 2/22/2023 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan which will vest in equal increments each year over three years beginning 2/22/2024.
- Stock Options granted on 2/23/2022 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan which will vest in equal increments each year over seven years beginning 2/23/2023.
- Represents maximum number of performance awards, payable in shares on December 31, 2024 granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2024 provided that the Company's common stock reaches one of five pre-determined targets for a sustained period beginning on the grant date and ending on December 31, 2024.
- Stock Options granted on 2/17/2021 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan. 50,000 stock options vested on 12/8/2021 when the stock price reached \$55.39 per share and 100,000 stock options would immediately vest upon the stock reaching a price of \$77.34 per share, as long as each price is reached for three consecutive trading days during the 10 year option term.
- Stock Options granted on 2/17/2021 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan which will vest in equal increments each year over five years beginning 2/17/2021.
- Stock Options granted on 2/14/2018 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan which vested in equal increments each year over five years beginning 2/14/2019.
- Stock Options granted on 3/21/2017 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested in equal increments each year over five years beginning 3/21/2018.

Remarks:

/s/ Melvin C. Payne

02/24/2023

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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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