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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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5 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

PETTY JAMES C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARTERS INC [CRI]					S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) 1170 PEAC STREET, S	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2013					(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Former President Retail Stores						
ATLANTA	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Of Filed(Month/Day/Year) NTA, GA 30309					1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	03/15/2013			S	899	D	\$ 57.37 (1)	20,750 (2)	D			
Common Stock	03/15/2013			M	6,250	A	\$ 18.14	27,000 (2)	D			
Common Stock	03/15/2013			S	6,250	D	\$ 57.63 (3)	20,750 (2)	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 18.14	03/15/2013		M	6,250	<u>(4)</u>	03/12/2019	Common Stock	6,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PETTY JAMES C 1170 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 900 ATLANTA, GA 30309

Former President Retail Stores

Signatures

/s/Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for James C. Petty

03/19/2013

**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).
 - This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from \$57.09 to \$57.81, inclusive.
- (1) Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.
- (3) This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from \$57.01 to \$57.95, inclusive. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information

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regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (4) All of these options were exercisable as of the trade date.
- (5) Granted at no cost to the reporting person.

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