

WHETZEL CHARLES E JR
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 WHETZEL CHARLES E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CARTER'S, INC., THE
 PROSCENIUM,, 1170
 PEACHTREE STREET NE, SUITE
 900

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CARTERS INC [CRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/13/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive VP - Global Sourcing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2005 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 20,000 | A | \$ 0 | 249,160 ⁽⁶⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | 175 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 | 248,985 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | 175 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 | 248,810 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | 175 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 | 248,635 | D | |
| | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | 175 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 | 248,460 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|---|-------------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | $\frac{175}{(3)}$ | ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 248,285 D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | $\frac{175}{(3)}$ | ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 248,110 D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | $\frac{175}{(3)}$ | ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 247,935 D |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | G | V | $\frac{175}{(3)}$ | ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 0 247,760 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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 44.01 | 05/13/2005 | | A | 30,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ 05/13/2012 | Common Stock 30,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.16 | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ 08/15/2011 | Common Stock 194,844 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Executive VP - Global Sourcing

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Signatures

/s/ Charles E.
Whetzel, Jr.

12/22/2005

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) These shares are subject to restrictions that lapse upon the satisfaction of certain time and service conditions.
- (2) Gift to child not sharing the same household.
- (3) Mr. Whetzel gifted 700 shares to his wife who subsequently gifted the shares to Mr. and Mrs. Whetzel's children in equal increments of 175 shares.
- (4) These options are time options exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on May 13, 2006.
- (5) These options are exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on August 15, 2002.

The total number of shares reflects the subtraction of 2,784 shares that Mr. Whetzel gifted to children not sharing the same household on

- (6) December 17, 2004, as reported on a Form 5 that was filed on February 15, 2005. Mr. Whetzel is not deemed to beneficially own these shares for Section 16 purposes.

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