PAYNE MELVIN C

Form 4

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PAYNE MELVIN C			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check an apprendic)			
			(Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director 10% Owner			
3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300			11/19/2010					_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line)			
HOUSTON, TX 77056								_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-E	) erivative	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	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)	
Common Stock	11/19/2010			G	982	D	\$ 5.07	9,618	I	Spouse	
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Common								1 202 171	D		

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X		CEO				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Melvin C.
Payne

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

A 11/22/2010

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

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