

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
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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 *
 ASKEW LYNN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
 [PDCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 PATTERSON COMPANIES,
 INC., 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS
 RD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2004

(Street)
 ST. PAUL, MN 55120

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	V	1,714 A \$ 10.14	7,690	D
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	V	1,714 D \$ 42.44	5,976	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)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options	\$ 10.14 (1)	12/21/2004		M	1,714	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	48,252

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ASKEW LYNN E PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS RD. ST. PAUL, MN 55120			Vice President	

Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney
12/21/2004
**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).
- (1) Options granted as follows: 19,820 on 2/10/99 at \$10.14, 10,444 on 9/01/99 at \$10.625, 4,760 on 5/01/00 at \$12.1875, 4,262 on 4/30/01 at \$15.28, 3,114 on 4/29/02 at \$22.57, 3,802 on 4/28/03 at \$19.965 and 2,050 on 4/26/2004 at \$38.50.
- (2) Options are exercisable as follows: 3,964 on February 10 of each year 2004-2008; 1,492 on September 1 of each year 2002-2008; 4,760 on 5/1/2009, 4,262 on 4/30/2010, 3,114 on 4/29/2011, 3,802 on 4/28/2012, and 2,050 on 4/26/2013.
- (3) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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