

Blinderman Viki K
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FORM 4

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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 *
Blinderman Viki K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

08/02/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Controller

5334 DUMFRIES

(Street)

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

HOUSTON, TX 77096

(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					11,592	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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Award ⁽¹⁾	\$ 9 ⁽²⁾	08/02/2012		A	25,000	⁽¹⁾ 08/02/2017	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blinderman Viki K 5334 DUMFRIES HOUSTON, TX 77096				Controller

Signatures

/s/ Viki K.
Blinderman 08/06/2012
 **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).
 Represents performance-based stock awards granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on or before August 2, 2017 on the date on which the closing price of Carriage's Common Stock is greater than or equal to \$21.50 for the third time, whether or not consecutive, within a period of 30 consecutive calendar days. If these conditions are satisfied on or prior to the first anniversary of the grant date, which is August 2, 2013, then the vesting date of these awards will be August 2, 2013; provided that the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date.
- (2) The award represents the right of the Reporting Person to receive shares of Carriage Common Stock in exchange for payment of a purchase price equal to \$9.00 per share.

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