

Stapley Gregory K.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Stapley Gregory K.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/13/2012

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

Executive Vice President

(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

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 8,300 | D | \$ 30.3769 |
| | | | | | | | 471,059 |
| | | | | | | | (2) |
| | | | | | | | I ⁽³⁾ |
| | | | | | | | By Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/06 |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 9,300 | D | \$ 30.3001 |
| | | | | | | | 461,759 |
| | | | | | | | (4) |
| | | | | | | | I ⁽³⁾ |
| | | | | | | | By Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/06 |

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issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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