

Williams Jeffrey B.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Williams Jeffrey B. | | (Month/Day/Year) | CARTERS INC [CRI] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 12/17/2012 | | |
| 1170 PEACHTREE STREET | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | |
| ATLANTA,Â GAÂ 30309 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| | | | Senior VP Retail | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 20,348 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of | | | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | Â (2) | 12/03/2017 | Common Stock | 6,000 | \$ 22.79 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | Â (3) | 03/12/2019 | Common Stock | 6,000 | \$ 18.14 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | Â (3) | 02/16/2020 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 28.04 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | Â (3) | 02/24/2021 | Common Stock | 7,400 | \$ 28.44 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | Â (3) | 08/09/2021 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 30.17 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | Â (3) | 02/22/2022 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 42.61 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Williams Jeffrey B. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET ATLANTA, GA 30309 | Â | Â | Â Senior VP Retail | Â |

Signatures

/s/Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey B. Williams
12/26/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Some of these restricted shares are subject to restrictions that lapse in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) This option is fully exercisable.
- (3) These time-vesting options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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