Brink Carl Benjamin Form 4 February 16, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Brink Carl Benjamin Issuer Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 28634 PLEASANT FOREST 02/14/2018 below) below) DRIVE Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting KATY, TX 77494 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 3,990 02/14/2018 Α 11,049 D (1) 25.43

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 I S
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 25.43					<u>(2)</u>	02/14/2028	Common Stock	15,000	
Performance Award	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	12/31/2022	Common Stock	7,980	
Stock Options	\$ 26.54					<u>(4)</u>	03/21/2027	Common Stock	34,900	
Performance Award	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2021	Common Stock	7,920	
Stock Options	\$ 20.06					<u>(6)</u>	02/23/2026	Common Stock	10,000	
Performance Award	<u>(7)</u>					<u>(7)</u>	12/31/2020	Common Stock	3,100	
Stock Options	\$ 22.58					(8)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	22,000	
Stock Options	\$ 20.26					<u>(9)</u>	02/25/2019	Common Stock	12,000	
Stock Options	\$ 16.73					(10)	05/22/2018	Common Stock	10,000	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

Brink Carl Benjamin 28634 PLEASANT FOREST DRIVE KATY, TX 77494

Chief Financial Officer

## **Signatures**

/s/ Carl B. Brink	02/16/2018		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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## **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) Restricted Stock grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Plan which will vest 1/3 on 2/14/2019, 2/14/2020 and on 2/14/2021.
- (2) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Plan which will vest 1/5 on 2/14/2019, 2/14/2020, 2/14/2021, 2/14/2022 and 2/14/2023. The options expire on 2/14/2028.
  - Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2022 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted
- (3) Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 50% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin performance represents 50% of the award.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/5 each year on 3/21/2018, 3/21/2019, 3/21/2020, 3/21/2021 and 3/21/2022. These stock options expire on 3/21/2027.
  - Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2021 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted
- Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA

  Margin performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The

  Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 50% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin

  performance represents 50% of the award.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/5 on 2/23/2017, and will vest 1/5 on 2/23/2018, 2/23/2019, 2/23/2020 and 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.
  - Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2020 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted
- (7) Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Relative Shareholder Return performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Relative Shareholder Return performance represents 75% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 25% of the award.
- Stock Option grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 2/24/2016, 1/3 on 2/24/2017 and 1/3 will vest on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 02/24/2022.
- Stock Option Grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 18,000 options granted on 02/25/2014, of which 6,000 options vested on 2/25/2015 and were exercised on 3/26/2015, 6,000 options vested on 2/25/2016 and 2/25/2017. These options expire on 02/25/2019.
- Stock Option Grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 15,000 options on (10) 5/22/2013, of which 5,000 options vested on 5/22/2014 and were exercised on 3/26/2015, 5,000 vested on 5/22/2015 and 5,000 vested on 5/22/2016. The options expire on 5/22/2018.

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