PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BEECKEN DAVID K			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. [PDCO]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
COMPAN	(Month			te of Earliest Transaction th/Day/Year) 3/2005				X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)	nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
CHICAGO	, IL 60603							Person	wore than one i	xeporting	
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any		Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	03/23/2005			M	36,000	A	\$ 11.25	36,000	D		
Common Stock	03/23/2005			S	36,000	D	\$ 48.88	0	D		
Common Stock								360,000	I	In Trust for members of reporting persons immediate	

family.

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Number of		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of		
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orDeriv	ative	Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Secur	rities	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A)						
	Derivative			or Disposed of						
	Security			(D)						
					(Instr. 3, 4,					
					and 5)					
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					()					
Director Stock Options	\$ 11.25	03/23/2005		M		36,000	10/01/2001	10/01/2005	Common Stock	36,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BEECKEN DAVID K BEECKEN PETTY O'KEEFE & COMPANY 131 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET, SUITE 2800 CHICAGO, IL 60603

Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of

Attorney 03/24/2005

**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).
- Options granted as follows: 36,000 on 10/01/2001 at \$18.475; 12,000 on 9/10/02 at \$23.9425; 888 on 4/29/02 at \$22.57; 12,000 on 9/9/03 at \$27.8575; 1,052 on 4/28/03 at \$19.965; 536 on 4/26/04 at \$38.50; and 12,000 on 9/13/04 at \$37.18.

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- Options exercisable as follows: 36,000 on October 1 of 2002; 12,000 on 9/10/2003; 885 on 4/29/2003; 12,000 on 9/9/04; 1,032 on 4/28/04; 536 on 4/26/05 and 12,000 on 9/13/05.
- (3) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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