

BROWN DAVID ALAN  
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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 \*  
**BROWN DAVID ALAN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 900  
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CARTERS INC [CRI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/14/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/14/2009		S		13,205 (1)	D	\$ 20.815 (2)
					383,379	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)	8. F. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 3.08					<u>(3)</u> 08/15/2011		Common Stock	389,688
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 22.01					<u>(3)</u> 05/13/2015		Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 14.18					<u>(4)</u> 07/01/2018		Common Stock	40,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 18.14					<u>(5)</u> 03/12/2019		Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
BROWN DAVID ALAN 1170 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 900 ATLANTA, GA 30309	Director 10% Owner Officer  Executive Vice President

## Signatures

/s/Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for David A. Brown 05/18/2009

\_\_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).

(1) The proceeds generated by the sales reported in this transaction will be remitted to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations resulting from the vesting of restricted stock.

This transaction was effected through multiple trade executions with a price range between \$20.80 and \$20.86. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) These options are all exercisable.

(4) These time options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2009.

(5) These time options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2010

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