CareTrust REIT, Inc.

Form 5

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Transactions Reported

Form 4 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Stapley Gregory K. Symbol CareTrust REIT, Inc. [CTRE] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner 12/31/2016 _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) 905 CALLE AMANECER, SUITE President, Chairman and CEO 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(check applicable line)

SAN CLEMENTE, CAÂ 92673

(State)

(City)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally 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. Securit (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	12/01/2016	Â	W	1,722	D	\$0	0 (1)	I	Marian K. Stapley Estate
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	12/01/2016	Â	W	53,819	D	\$ 0	0 (1)	I	Marian K. Stapley Revocable Trust dated 4/29/1965

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	12/01/2016	Â	W	1,541	A	\$0	477,061 <u>(1)</u>	I	Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	128,576	D	Â
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	28,732	I	By wife as UGMA custodian for children
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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.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	of
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	D
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Se
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					4, and 5)						
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									or		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date	1.110	of		
					(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Stapley Gregory K. 905 CALLE AMANECER SUITE 300 SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673	ÂX	Â	President, Chairman and CEO	Â				

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/s/ William M. Wagner, attorney-in-fact

01/26/2017

**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).
 - Reflects the settlement of the estate of Marian K. Stapley. In connection with the estate's settlement, Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 received 1,541 shares from the Marian K. Stapley Estate and the remainder of the shares, 181 from the Marian K. Stapley
- (1) Estate and 53,819 from the Marian K. Stapley Revocable Trust dated 4/29/1965, were distributed to third parties. Gregory K. Stapley, as executor of the Marian K. Stapley Estate and trustee of the Marian K. Stapley Revocable Trust dated 4/29/1965, previously reported that he was the indirect beneficial owner of all of these shares.
- (2) These shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the Trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.
- These shares are directly owned by Deborah Stapley as custodian for the minor children of Gregory K. Stapley and Deborah Stapley under the California Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer. The reporting person disclaims
- (3) beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his children, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such shares for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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