

Williams Jeffrey B.  
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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 \*  
Williams Jeffrey B.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/20/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP Retail

ATLANTA, GA 30309  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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                    | 02/20/2013                           |  | A                              |   | 4,900 (1)   | \$ 0 (2)   | 25,053 (3) D                      |
| Common Stock                    | 02/20/2013                           |  | A                              |   | 3,400 (4)   | \$ 0 (2)   | 28,453 (3) 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)

| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)  | \$ 59.27   | 02/20/2013                           |  | A                              | 6,400<br>(5)  | 02/20/2014 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/20/2023                     | Common Stock  | 6,400                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey B. Williams 02/22/2013

\*\*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) These restricted shares are subject to restrictions that lapse in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Granted at no cost to the reporting person.
- (3) These restricted shares cliff vest based upon the achievement of certain 2015 earnings targets.
- (4) Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.
- (5) These time-vesting options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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