

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**WILTZ JAMES W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. [PDCO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**129 VIRGINIA STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/29/2011**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**ST. PAUL, MN 55102**  
 (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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/29/2011                           |  | J(4)(5)                        | 167,600   | D (4)(5) 90,254   | I (1)  | Revocable Trust (4)(5)            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 107,969   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 25,000  | I  | GRAT (2)                          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,550   | I  | Family Trust (3)                  |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|---------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount  |
| Forward Sale Contract (Obligation to Sell) | (4) (5)  | 12/29/2011                           |  | J(4)(5)                        | 200,000   | 12/28/2011   | 12/28/2011  | Common Stock | 200,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILTZ JAMES W<br>129 VIRGINIA STREET<br>ST. PAUL, MN 55102 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 12/29/2011

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) Revocable Trust of which the Reporting Person is the Settlor and Trustee.
- (2) Held by Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.
- (3) In Trust for members of Reporting Person's Family.

(4) On 12/29/11 the Reporting Person (RP) settled a prepaid forward sale contract with an unaffiliated third party buyer that was entered into on 12/29/09. The RP agreed to deliver to the buyer up to 200,000 shares on 12/29/11, the maturity date of the contract. The RP received \$4,408,248 as of the date of contract. The RP pledged 200,000 shares (Pledged Shares) to secure his obligations under the contract. See FOOTNOTE 5.

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In accordance with the prepaid forward sale contract described in FOOTNOTE 4, the number of shares to be delivered to the buyer on the maturity date is as follows: (a) if the value per share on the maturity date (Maturity Price) is less than \$24.92, the RP will deliver all the Pledged Shares; (b) if the Maturity Price is between \$24.92 and \$34.61, the RP will deliver shares equal to \$24.92 divided by the Maturity Price times the number of Pledged Shares; and (c) if the Maturity Price is greater than \$34.61, the RP will deliver shares equal to the Pledged Shares times the ratio of \$24.92 plus Maturity Price less \$34.61 divided by Maturity Price, or the cash equivalent. The Maturity Price was \$29.74. Accordingly, RP delivered 167,600 of the Pledged Shares and retained 32,400 shares.

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