Williams Jeffrey B. Form 4 February 22, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Williams Jeffrey B.

(First)

(Street)

(Ctata)

1170 PEACHTREE STREET

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CARTERS INC [CRI]

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

02/20/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior VP Retail

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3.	4. Securit		r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	(Wolldin Day) Tear)	any	Code	onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/20/2013		A	4,900 (1)	A	\$ 0 (2)	25,053 (3)	D		
Common Stock	02/20/2013		A	3,400 (4)	A	\$ 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 59.27	02/20/2013		A	6,400 (5)	02/20/2014(5)	02/20/2023	Common Stock	6,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Williams Jeffrey B.

1170 PEACHTREE STREET Senior VP Retail

ATLANTA, GA 30309

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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