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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Add Lynch Briai | ress of Reporting <u>1</u> | Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARTERS INC</u> [CRI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| (Last) 3438 PEACH | (First) FREE ROAD N | (Middle) NE | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2017 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President, Carter's, Inc. |
| SUITE 1800 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |
| (Street) ATLANTA | GA | 30326 | | Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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|--|--|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2017 | | F | | 1,595(1) | D | \$82.92 | 75,343 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2017 | | F | | 449(1) | D | \$83.72 | 74 , 894 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2017 | | F | | 419 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$83.72 | 74,475 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2017 | | F | | 1,078(1) | D | \$83.72 | 73,397 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) | off Expiration Date // berivative (Month/Day/Year) 9 ecurities isposed 1 A) or 1 9 bisposed 6 1 of (D) 1 1 | | Amour Securi Under Deriva Securi | 7. Title and 8 Amount of C Securities S Underlying (I Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The transaction reported in this Form 4 reflects withholding of shares of common stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations resulting from the vesting of restricted stock.

2. Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.

Remarks:

/s/Michael C. Wu, Attorney-in-02/21/2017

<u>Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 \ast If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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