FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Westenberger Richard F. |   |  |               |         |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CARTERS INC [ CRI ]                    |   |                                      |        |     |  |  |        |                                    | Check  | all app   | p of Reportin<br>blicable)<br>ctor<br>er (give title              | ng Persor                                      | 10% C  |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 900           |   |  |               |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2011 |   |   |                                      |        |     |  |  |        |                                    | X  | below)  |   | ncial O  | below)  acial Officer  |  |
| (Street) ATLANTA  | A GA  |  | 30309<br>Zip) |         | 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                  |   |                                      |        |     |  |  |        |                                    | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |  |  |  |
|   |   | Tabl   | e I - No      | n-Deriv | ative   | Sec   | curitie                                 | s Acq                                | uired, | Dis | posed o                                    | f, o   | r Ben  | eficia                             | ally   | Owne  | ed  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)     |   |  |               |         | Execution Date,   |   | Date,                                   | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |        |     | ties Acquired (A)<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  |        |                                    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported  |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |  |
|   |   |  |               |         |   |   | Code                                    | v                                    | Amount |     | (A) or<br>(D)                              | Price  |        | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |   |   | (1130.4)                                       |  |  |
| common stock 02/0   |   |  |               |         | 2/06/2011   |   |   |                                      |        |     | 895(1)                                     |  | D \$29 |                                    | .33 12,149(2)  |   | 2,149 <sup>(2)</sup>  | Г  | )  |  |
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| Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | rcise (Month/Day/Year) if any Code (Instr.<br>of (Month/Day/Year) 8) |               |         |   | 5. Nun<br>of<br>Deriv.<br>Secur<br>Acqui<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr.<br>and 5 | ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>ssed<br>3, 4 | Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)  |        |     |  | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of |        |                                    | ice of<br>vative<br>urity<br>r. 5)   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Owr<br>Fori<br>Dire<br>or Ir<br>(I) (I                            | nership<br>n:<br>ct (D)<br>ndirect<br>nstr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |

## **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 subject to vesting restrictions.

## Remarks:

/s/Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard F. 02/08/2011 Westenberger

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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