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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CASEY MICHAEL DENNIS</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3438 PEACHTREE ROAD NE SUITE 1800 (Street) ATLANTA GA 30326 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARTERS INC [CRI]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/21/2016 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------|------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2016 | 11/21/2016 | s | | 19,500 | D ⁽²⁾ | \$90.46 ⁽¹⁾ | 353,552 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2016 | 11/21/2016 | s | | 1,200 | D ⁽²⁾ | \$90.92 ⁽⁴⁾ | 352,352 ⁽³⁾ | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 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) |
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| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from \$89.88 to \$90.86, inclusive. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- The transaction reported in this Form 4 was effectuated pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan entered into on May 9, 2016.
- Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.
- This is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple trade executions at prices ranging from \$90.89 to \$91.00, inclusive. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

Remarks:

/s/Michael C. Wu, Attorney-in-Fact 11/22/2016

** 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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