

CARLSON NORMAN A
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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 *
CARLSON NORMAN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE
700, 621 NW 53RD STREET

(Street)

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GEO GROUP INC [GEO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,500 | D | |
| Restricted Stock | 03/12/2012 | | A | 5,000 (1) A \$ 0 | 14,750 | 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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 4.6667 | | | | | 05/01/2003 05/01/2013 | Common Stock 6,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 7.6967 | | | | | 05/06/2004 05/06/2014 | Common Stock 10,500 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 10.7334 | | | | | 02/08/2005 02/08/2015 | Common Stock 8,100 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 16.69 | | | | | 10/30/2008 10/30/2018 | Common Stock 5,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.07 | | | | | 10/28/2009 10/28/2019 | Common Stock 5,000 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 24.61 | | | | | 03/01/2011 03/01/2021 | Common Stock 5,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARLSON NORMAN A ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE 700 621 NW 53RD STREET BOCA RATON, FL 33487 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Norman A. Carlson By: John J. Bulfin as Attorney-in-Fact 03/14/2012

__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) This grant of restricted stock of The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO") will vest in four equal annual increments beginning on August 15, 2013 and on each of the three anniversary dates thereafter.

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