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## FORM 4

## 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 Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> PULVER DAVID |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CARTERS INC</u> [ CRI ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |   |                       |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|---|-----------------------|--|--|
|   |         |          |  | X  | Director  | 10% Owner             |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>1170 PEACHTREE STREET<br>SUITE 900     |         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>09/21/2009                   |  | Officer (give title below)                      | Other (specify below) |  |  |
|   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                         | 6. Indiv<br>Line)  | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |                       |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          |  | X  | Form filed by One Reporting Person              |                       |  |  |
| ATLANTA   | GA      | 30309    |  |  | One Reporting                                   |                       |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |   |                       |  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   |                         |   |                            | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | Form: Direct | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--------------|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount (A) or (D) Price |   |                            | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |              | (   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2009                                 |   | S                           |   | 22,182                  | D | <b>\$27</b> <sup>(1)</sup> | 120,060   | D            |   |

 
 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Nut<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secut<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>osed<br>. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | Amount of<br>Securities |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                                       | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title                   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The transaction reported in this Form 4 were effectuated pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 28, 2009.

### Remarks:

| <u>Brendan M. Gibbons,</u> |
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| Attorney-in-Fact for David |
| Pulver                     |

09/23/2009

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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