

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 CARLEY THOMAS J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES INC [RENT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8100 NE PARKWAY DRIVE, SUITE 200  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/21/2009

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

VANCOUVER, WA 98662

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	05/21/2009		M		1,500	A	\$ 2.44
Common Stock	05/21/2009		M		1,500	A	\$ 2.58
Common Stock	05/21/2009		M		1,500	A	\$ 2.05

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.44	05/21/2009		M	1,500	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	1,500
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.58	05/21/2009		M	1,500	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	1,500
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.05	05/21/2009		M	1,500	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	1,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARLEY THOMAS J 8100 NE PARKWAY DRIVE SUITE 200 VANCOUVER, WA 98662	X			

## Signatures

James D. Miller, as attorney-in-fact  
05/26/2009

\_\_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) Each option vested in four equal installments beginning one year after the respective date of grant.

(2) Expires three months following the date on which holder ceases to be a director other than by reason of death, disability, or retirement; if by reason of death or disability, one year thereafter; if by reason of retirement, five years thereafter. Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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