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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								-	PPROVAL 3235-0287		
subject to Section 16. SECURITIES						Estimated a burden hou response	irs per				
(Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Ac GUGGENHI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. [PDCO]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Mo				B. Date of Earliest Transaction Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2010				Director 10% Owner XOfficer (give title Other (specify below) President - Subsidiary			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
ST. PAUL, N	AN 55120							Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution any		Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) o d of (D 4 and (A) or)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/17/2010			G	172	D	\$0	83,276	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price o Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Options	<u>(1)</u>					(2)	(3)	Common Stock	11,166	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Fg - 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GUGGENHEIM PAUL A PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS ROAD ST. PAUL, MN 55120			President - Subsidiary				
Signatures							
Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney	1	2/21/2010					

**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) Options granted as follows: 3,722 granted on 4/30/2001 at \$15.28; 2,632 granted on 4/29/2002 at \$22.57; 3,124 granted on 4/28/2003 at \$19.965; and 1,688 granted on 4/26/2004 at \$38.50.
- (2) Options exercisable as follows: 3,722 on 4/30/2010; 2,632 on 4/29/2011; 3,124 on 4/28/2012; and 1,688 on 4/26/2013.
- (3) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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