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(Print or Type	Responses)										
Anderson Scott P Symbo			Symbol	uer Name and Ticker or Trading 1 TERSON COMPANIES, INC.				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			[PDCO]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/E				f Earliest Transaction Day/Year)				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
	ON COMPANIE MENDOTA HE		04/28/2	012				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	dent and CEO		
				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ST. PAUL,	MN 55120							Form filed by M Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	ity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A)				Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	04/28/2012			F <u>(1)</u>	406	D	\$ 33.99	94,984	D		
Common Stock	04/30/2012			F <u>(1)</u>	386	D	\$ 34.09	94,598	D		
Common Stock	04/30/2012			A <u>(2)</u>	17,700	А	\$0	112,298	D		
Common Stock	05/01/2012			F <u>(1)</u>	465	D	\$ 34.52	111,833	D		

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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 2	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amount of	8. Price
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				Code V	(A) (D)				of Shares	
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Employee	(2) (2)					(4)	(5)	Common	15 (10	
Stock	(2) (3)					(4)	(5)	Stock	15,648	
Options								Stock		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Anderson Scott P PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS ROAD ST. PAUL, MN 55120	Х		President and CEO				
Signatures							

Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of	
Attorney	05/02/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Shares withheld for taxes incurred upon lapse of restrictions on stock issued pursuant to the Patterson Companies, Inc. Equity Incentive (1) Plan.
- (2) Shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the Patterson Companies, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.
- Options granted as follows: 6,982 on 4/28/03 at \$19.965; and 8,666 on 5/01/04 at \$37.75. (3)

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- (4) Options are exercisable as follows: 6,982 shares on 4/27/12; 8,666 shares are exercisable as follows: 2,564 shares on May 1 of each year 2007, 2008 and 2013, and 974 shares on May 1, 2009.
- (5) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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