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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Stapley Gregory K. Symbol CareTrust REIT, Inc. [CTRE] (Last) (First) (Middle)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

905 CALLE AMANECER, SUITE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2018

(Check all applicable)

X Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) President, Chairman and CEO

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(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	ired, Disposed of	sposed 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	, ,))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/03/2018		Code V	Amount 17,199 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 15.37		D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/06/2018		A	110,460 (3)	A	\$ 0	304,962	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/06/2018		G	34,219 (<u>4)</u>	D	\$0	270,743	D	

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/06/2018	G	34,219 (<u>4)</u>	A	\$ 0	511,280	I	Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 (5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						28,672 <u>(6)</u>	I	By wife as UGMA custodian for children (7)

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.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tiorNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amoun	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable Date	•	Title Number		
									of	
				Code V	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Stapley Gregory K. 905 CALLE AMANECER SUITE 300 SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673	X		President, Chairman and CEO					

Signatures

/s/ William M. Wagner,
attorney-in-fact 02/06/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to pay tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Person upon the vesting of restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person on February 3, 2017.
- This Form 4 corrects the total shares of common stock directly and indirectly held by the Reporting Person, as applicable. On prior Form (2) 4s, certain shares of common stock were reported as directly owned, but should have been reported as indirectly owned by the Reporting Person through the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006.
- Represents restricted shares of common stock granted to the Reporting Person. 50% of the grant vests in four equal installments (3) beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and the other 50% vests over four years based on the Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria during such period.
- (4) Represents shares of common stock acquired in connection with the vesting of restricted stock that have been transferred by the Reporting Person to the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006.
- (5) These shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the Trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.
- (6) Excludes 60 shares of common stock that were previously included in the Reporting Person's prior Form 4s.
- These shares are directly owned by Deborah Stapley as custodian for the minor children of Gregory K. Stapley and Deborah Stapley under the California Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his children, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such shares for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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