

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
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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 *
KABBES SCOTT R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
 [PDCO]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**PATTERSON COMPANIES,
 INC., 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS
 RD.**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President - Subsidiary

(Street)
ST. PAUL, MN 55120

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	12,454	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		G	60 D \$ 0	24,792	I	By Spouse

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Options	(1)					(2) (3)	Common Stock	73,718

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KABBES SCOTT R PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS RD. ST. PAUL, MN 55120			President - Subsidiary	

Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney
12/21/2004
**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: 37,548 on 02/10/1999 at \$10.140625, 5,108 on 05/01/2000 at \$12.1875, 4,422 on 04/30/2001 at \$15.28, 3,742 on 04/29/2002 at \$22.57, 19,044 on 04/28/2003 at \$19.965, and 3,854 on 4/26/2004 at \$38.50.
- (2) Options exercisable as follows: 5,364 on February 10 each year 2002-2008, 5,108 on 05/01/2009, 4,422 on 04/30/2010, 3,742 on 04/29/2011, 19,044 on 04/28/2012, and 3,854 on 4/26/2013.
- (3) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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