CARRION RICHARD L

Form 4

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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CARRION RICHARD L Issuer Symbol POPULAR INC [BPOP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify P O BOX 362708 12/22/2005 below) President and Chairman (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708 Person (Ctata)

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative Sec	curities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	Code V X(1)	Amount 497,937	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4) 1,200,815	D	
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share						53,220	I	By children
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share						2,077	I	By wife

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Common								
Stock Par Value \$6	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	X <u>(1)</u>	20,995	A	\$ 21 1,754,286	I	Jr Invest - RLC (2)
per share								1626 <u>—</u>

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	A(3)	497,937 (4)	` '	12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Commor Stock Pa Value \$6 per share
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	X <u>(1)</u>		497,937 (4)	12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Commor Stock Pa Value \$6 per share
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	A(3)	20,995 (4)		12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Commor Stock Pa Value \$6 per share
Common Stock Subscription Right (Right to Buy)	\$ 21	12/22/2005	12/22/2005	X(1)		20,995 (4)	12/22/2005	12/19/2005	Commor Stock Pa Value \$6 per share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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CARRION RICHARD L
P O BOX 362708 X President and Chairman
SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708

Signatures

Richard L. Carrion 12/27/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Exercise of Common Stock Subscription Rights.
- (2) Ownership of 17.89% in Junior Investment Corp., which owned 9,810,882 shares of Popular, Inc. at the end of December 22,2005.
- (3) Represents the acquisition of subscription rights pursuant to a pro rata grant to shareholders of Popular, Inc.
- (4) Represents rights to acquire additional shares in excess of the reporting person's basic subscription rights pursuant to an overs ubscription right.

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