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(Print or Type Respondent	nses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MALONE THOMAS			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERISTAR CASINOS INC				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
			[ASCA	<b>\</b> ]			(chich an approach)				
(Last) (Internet Content of Conte	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2007				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President and Controller						
PKWY, SUITE	490S										
				led(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul>			
LAS VEGAS, N	V 89169						Person	More than One K	eporting		
(City) (	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	ansaction Date 2A. Deem th/Day/Year) Execution any (Month/D				Disposed	(A) or of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				or	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)						
				Code V	Amount	(D) Price					
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction of Derivati	e Expiration Date	Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		quired or sposed of str. 3, 4,		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code Y	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.11	12/15/2007		А		5,700		12/14/2008 <u>(1)</u>	12/15/2017	Common Stock	5,700

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MALONE THOMAS 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169			Vice President and Controller				
Signatures							
Peter C Walsh							

Attorney-in-Fact 12/18/2007

\*\*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) Option vests in four equal, annual installments commencing on December 14, 2008.

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