PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ARMSTRONG R STEPHEN			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. [PDCO]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(First) N COMPANIE MENDOTA HI	,						Director 10% Owner Selfow) Other (specify below) EVP & CFO			
				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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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		
Common Stock	12/31/2004			A(1)	111	A		20,561	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2004			A(2)	2,878	A	\$ 23.64	23,439	D		

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)	5. onNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	7. Title and a Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. :
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Options	(3)					<u>(4)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	134,992	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ARMSTRONG R STEPHEN PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS RD. ST. PAUL, MN 55120

EVP & CFO

Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney

01/03/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Patterson Companies, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Patterson Companies, Inc. Capital Accumulation Plan.
- (3) Options granted are as follows: 98,700 on 07/01/99 at \$8.7032, 10,068 on 05/01/00 at \$12.1875, 8806 on 04/30/01 at \$15.28, 6,200 on 04/29/02 at \$22.57, 7,288 on 04/28/03 at \$19.965 and 3,930 on 4/26/04 at \$38.50.
- Options are exercisable as follows: 14,100 on July 1 of each year 2002-2008; 10,068 on 5/01/09; 8,806 on 4/30/10; 6,200 on 4/29/11, 7,288 on 04/28/2012, and 3,932 on 4/26/13.
- (5) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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