

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

Form 4

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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 \*  
MADISON DEARBORN  
PARTNERS II LP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CARROLS RESTAURANT  
GROUP, INC. [TAST]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
THREE FIRST NATIONAL  
PLAZA, SUITE 3800  
  
(Street)  
  
CHICAGO, IL 60602  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2006

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

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

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

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2006                           |  | S                              | 1,333,334 D \$ 12.155   | 1,864,940   | I  | See footnote (1)                           |

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)**

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| 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) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MADISON DEARBORN PARTNERS II LP<br>THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA<br>SUITE 3800<br>CHICAGO, IL 60602         |               | X         |         |       |
| MADISON DEARBORN CAPITAL PARTNERS II LP<br>THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA<br>SUITE 3800<br>CHICAGO, IL 60602 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Madison Dearborn Partners II, L.P., by Madison Dearborn Partners, Inc., its General Partner, by Mark B. Tresnowski, its Managing Director 12/21/2006  
\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Madison Dearborn Capital Partners II, L.P., by Madison Dearborn Partners II, L.P., its General Partner, by Madison Dearborn Partners, Inc., its General Partner, by Mark B. Tresnowski, its Managing Director 12/21/2006  
\_\_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).

The shares reported are held by Madison Dearborn Capital Partners II, L.P. ("MDCPII"). Madison Dearborn Partners II, L.P. ("MDPII"), the sole general partner of MDCPII, may be deemed to beneficially own the reported shares. John A. Canning, Paul J. Finnegan and (1) Samuel M. Mencoff are the sole members of a limited partner committee of MDPII that has the power, acting by majority vote, to vote or dispose of the shares directly held by MDCPII. Messrs. Canning, Finnegan and Mencoff and MDPII each hereby disclaims any beneficial ownership of any shares directly held by MDCPII, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

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