

PETIT PARKER H  
Form SC 13G  
February 10, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )\*

MATRIA HEALTHCARE, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

576817209

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2003

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Parker H. Petit

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2 (a)

(b)

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4 United States citizen

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		535,037
BENEFICIALLY		SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	6	--
EACH		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	7	535,037
PERSON WITH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	--

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

535,037

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.2%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
IN

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Item 1(A). Name of Issuer:

Matria Healthcare, Inc.

Item 1(B). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1850 Parkway Place, Marietta, GA 30067

Item 2(A). Name of Person Filing:

Parker H. Petit

Items 2(B). Address of Principal Business Office, or, If None, Residence:

1850 Parkway Place, Marietta, GA 30067

Item 2(C). Citizenship:

United States citizen

Item 2(D). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(E). CUSIP Number:

576817209

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Not applicable

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 535,037

(b) Percent of class: 5.2%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

	(i) Sole Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote	(ii) Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote	(iii) Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of	(iv) Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of
Common Stock	535,037	--	535,037	--

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Member of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 10, 2004

/s/ Parker H. Petit

Parker H. Petit

