

CareTrust REIT, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stapley Gregory K.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
905 CALLE AMANECER, SUITE 300  
(Street)

SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CareTrust REIT, Inc. [CTRE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 12/10/2014                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 145,521 A   | 145,521   | I  | Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>              |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 12/10/2014                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 21,333 A  | 21,333  | I  | Marian K. Stapley Revocable Trust dated 4/29/1965 <sup>(3)</sup> |
|                                 | 12/10/2014                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 9,973 A   | 9,973   | I  |  |

Common  
Stock par  
value  
\$0.01

By wife as  
UGMA  
custodian  
for children  
(4)

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. 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Stapley Gregory K.<br>905 CALLE AMANECER<br>SUITE 300<br>SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ William M. Wagner,  
attorney-in-fact

12/12/2014

\_\_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)

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Represents securities issued in connection with a special dividend paid on December 10, 2014, to stockholders of record on October 31, 2014.

- (2) These shares are directly owned by the Stapley Family Trust dated 4/25/2006 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the Trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.
- (3) These shares are directly owned by the Marian K. Stapley Revocable Trust dated 4/29/65 and indirectly by Gregory K. Stapley as Trustee of the Trust. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer.

- (4) These shares are directly owned by Deborah Stapley as custodian for the minor children of Gregory K. Stapley and Deborah Stapley under the California Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Gregory K. Stapley is an officer of the issuer. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his children, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such shares for the purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

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