

Wierdsma Thomas M
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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 *
 Wierdsma Thomas M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE
 700, 621 NW 53RD STREET
 (Street)

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GEO GROUP INC [GEO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/20/2012

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)
 SVP - Project Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Restricted Stock	07/20/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	15,000 D \$ 0 ₍₁₎	14,500	D	
Restricted Stock	07/20/2012		A	15,000 ₍₂₎ A \$ 0	29,500	D	
Common Stock					9,823	D	
Common Stock					100	I	By self as custodian for B. Wierdsma
					100	I	

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Common Stock							By self as custodian for Oliver Thomas Adams
Common Stock				100	I		By self as custodian for Lauren Diane Wierdsma
Common Stock				100	I		By Self as custodian for Robert Oliver Weirdsman

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 20.625					01/18/2007	01/18/2017	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.69					10/30/2008	10/30/2018	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.07					10/28/2009	10/28/2019	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.61					03/01/2011	03/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/ Thomas M. Wierdsma By: John J. Bulfin as
Attorney-in-Fact

07/24/2012

__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) On March 12, 2012, the reporting person received a grant of restricted stock of The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO"). The grant was rescinded on July 20, 2012 by the compensation committee with the consent of the reporting person.
- Vesting of this grant of restricted stock of GEO is contingent upon the achievement by GEO of certain performance-based metrics during
- (2) 2012, 2013 and 2014, as certified by the compensation committee. Under the terms of the restricted stock grant, vesting can occur annually on August 15, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively, or cumulatively on August 15, 2015.

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