

SOUTHWELL DONALD GENE
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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 *
 SOUTHWELL DONALD GENE

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE EAST WACKER DRIVE
 (Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITRIN INC [UTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/03/2009

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, CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/03/2009		A ⁽¹⁾	15,000 A \$ 0	135,806 ⁽²⁾	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)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Options (3)	\$ 13.55	02/03/2009		A	125,000	(4)	02/03/2019	Common Stock	125,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOUTHWELL DONALD GENE ONE EAST WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60601	X		President, CEO	

Signatures

Donald G. Southwell
 02/05/2009
 **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) Award of performance-based restricted stock under the Unitrin, Inc. 2005 Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Plan ("Plan"), subject to forfeiture and other restrictions pursuant to the Plan and the award agreement until vested. The vesting date is the third anniversary of the grant date, and vesting is determined based upon the achievement of performance goals as set forth in the award agreement.
 - (2) Included in the total are 15,000 shares of restricted stock subject to forfeiture and other restrictions until vested pursuant to the Plan and the applicable award agreements.
 - (3) Rights to buy.
 - (4) Options vest in four equal, consecutive annual installments beginning 8/3/2009.
 - (5) Following the last transaction reported in this table, the reporting person holds a total of 788,870 options under Unitrin, Inc. stock option plans.

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