

Meinert Deborah Jean
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Meinert Deborah Jean

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ESCALADE INC [ESCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/02/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

817 MAXWELL AVENUE

VP, CFO & Secretary

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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EVANSVILLE, IN 47711

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 5.28	03/02/2012	A	23,000 <u>(1)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	03/02/2017	Common Stock	23,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Meinert Deborah Jean 817 MAXWELL AVENUE EVANSVILLE, IN 47711			VP, CFO & Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Deborah J.
Meinert

03/05/2012

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) On March 2, 2012, Escalade's Board of Directors made its annual determination of awards to be made to Escalade's directors, officers and employees under Escalade's 2007 Incentive Plan. Because the number of shares currently available for awards under the 2007 Plan is not sufficient to cover all such grants of stock options, the stock options reported on this Form 4 are conditioned upon Escalade's stockholders approving an amendment to the 2007 Plan to increase the number of shares available for awards thereunder.

(2) Twenty-five percent of these stock options vest annually beginning on March 2, 2013 with the final increment vesting on March 2, 2016. Once vested, the options are exercisable at \$5.28 per share.

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