

ESCALADE INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
REED C W BILL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

251 WEDCOR

(Street)

WABASD, IN 46992

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/18/2006

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/18/2006	04/18/2006	S	58,736 (1) D \$ 11.9	738,980	D	
Common Stock	04/18/2006	04/18/2006	M	82,500 (2) A \$ 8.472	821,480	D	
Common Stock					7,857 (3)	I	Adult Children

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Incentive Stock Option Plan	\$ 8.472	04/18/2006	04/18/2006	M	82,500 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/23/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/23/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock 82,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REED C W BILL 251 WEDCOR WABASD, IN 46992	X	X	President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ C. W. Reed                      04/19/2006  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Shares tendered to Escalade, Inc. in connection with the exercise of Incentive Stock Options.
- (2) Exercise option to purchase shares under the 1997 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Shares owned by Adult Children of Mr. Reed. Mr. Reed disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (4) Options exercised were granted under the 1997 Incentive Stock Option plan as follows: 60,000 options were granted on 02/23/2002 at an exercise price of \$9.03 22,500 options were granted on 02/21/2003 at an exercise price of \$6.985 All options vest and become exercisable in equal instalments over four years. Options expire five years after date of grant.
- (5) Exercise prices range from \$6.99 to \$19.21 per share.

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