

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WELSH PATRICK J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/27/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**C/O WELSH, CARSON,  
 ANDERSON AND STOWE, 320  
 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500**

(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  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**NEW YORK, NY 10022**

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/27/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000,000	D	Ⓛ
					7,160,349	I <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock	04/27/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		319	A	Ⓛ
					678	I <sup>(2)</sup>	
	04/27/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		8,153	A	Ⓛ
					322,820	D	

By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>

By WCAS Management Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>



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