FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Smith Joseph H IV	2. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea 04/26/2018	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [PZZA]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 99900			Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) Director	on(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
			X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street)			SVP and CF	,	[]	. ,	y One Reporting Person	
LOUISVILLE KY 40269						Form filed b Reporting P	y More than One erson	
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			I. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 5)		
Common Stock			19,327.84	D				
Common Stock			1,084.46	I By		401(k) Plan		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst		4. Conversion	e Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Stock Options	(1)	02/25/2026	6 Common Stock	1,775	59.03	D		
Stock Options	(2)	03/01/2028	3 Common Stock	2,431	60.04	D		
Stock Options	02/26/2018	02/26/2025	Common Stock	523	63.92	D		
Stock Options	(3)	02/23/2027	7 Common Stock	1,887	78.77	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ one \ year \ from \ the \ grant \ date \ of \ 02/25/2016.$
- 2. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date of 03/01/2018.
- $3. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ one \ year \ from \ the \ grant \ date \ of \ 02/23/2017.$

Debra A. Tate, by power of

05/01/2018

<u>attorney</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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