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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [PZZA] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| KIRTLEY OLIVIA F | | | THE THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER | X | Director | 10% Owner | | |
| | | | | | Officer (give title | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) P. O. BOX 99900 | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2016 | | below) | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Ched | ck Applicable Line) | | |
| LOUISVILLE | KY | 40269 | | X | Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One | | | |
| (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) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Ad Disposed Of (D | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|---------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | 3 and 4) | | (111341. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2016 | | M | | 11,810 | A | \$14.49 | 187,788.4897 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2016 | | F | | 3,144 | D | \$54.44 | 184,644.4897 | D | |

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. Transac Code (Ir 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--------|--|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Stock Options | \$14.49 | 02/23/2016 | | M | | | 11,810 | (1) | 02/24/2016 | Common Stock | 11,810 | \$0.0000 | 0.0000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

<u>Debra A. Tate, by power of attorney</u>

02/25/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

 $Note: File\ three\ copies\ of\ this\ Form,\ one\ of\ which\ must\ be\ manually\ signed.\ If\ space\ is\ insufficient,\ see\ Instruction\ 6\ for\ procedure.$

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^{1.} The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date of February 24, 2011.

 $^{^{\}star}$ 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).