FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [PZZA] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
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| <u>Bernym Tere</u> | , () () () () () () () () () () () () () | | | X | Director | X | 10% Owner | | |
| (Last) P. O. BOX 99900 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2017 | X | Officer (give title below) CEO | | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) LOUISVILLE | KY | 40269 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | dual or Joint/Group F | Reporting | Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Form filed by More | triari One | Reporting Person | | |

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 Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|---|---|---------------|----------|--|---|--|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2017 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,348 | A | \$0.0000 | 9,367,341 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2017 | | F | | 1,014 | D | \$78.7 | 9,366,327 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2017 | | F | | 1,174 | D | \$78.7 | 9,365,153 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 31,194 | I | By Spouse |

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 (li 8) | | Derivative | | 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 | \$78.77 | 02/23/2017 | | Α | | 25,153 | | (2) | 02/23/2027 | Common Stock | 25,153 | \$0.0000 | 25,153 | D | |
| Stock Options | \$78.77 | 02/23/2017 | | A | | 32,182 | | 02/23/2019 | 02/23/2027 | Common Stock | 32,182 | \$0.0000 | 32,182 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Grant of shares of restricted stock vesting in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- $2. \ The \ option \ vests \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ one \ year \ from \ the \ grant \ date.$

Debra A. Tate, by power of

<u>attorney</u>

02/27/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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