

FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Ritchie Steve M</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>P. O. BOX 99900</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>LOUISVILLE KY 40269</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [ PZZA ]</u><br><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/01/2018</u><br><br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>President and CEO</u><br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More Than 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) |
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|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price    |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2018                           |                                                    | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 16,032                                                            | A          | \$0.0000 | 43,977                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2018                           |                                                    | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 150                                                               | A          | \$0.0000 | 480                                                                                           | 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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | (A)                                                                                    | (D) | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                                             | Amount or Number of Shares |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$60.04                                                | 03/01/2018                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 62,380                                                                                 |     | (2)                                                      | 03/01/2028      | Common Stock                                                                      | 62,380                     | \$0.0000                                   | 62,380                                                                                             | D                                                         |                                                        |
| Stock Options                              | \$60.04                                                | 03/01/2018                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 584                                                                                    |     | (2)                                                      | 03/01/2028      | Common Stock                                                                      | 584                        | \$0.0000                                   | 584                                                                                                | I                                                         | By Spouse                                              |

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 attorney 03/05/2018

\*\* 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).  
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