## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ritchie Steve M</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC PZZA								neck all appli Directo	cable) or	orting Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner		ner
(Last) P. O. BO	Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 99900					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2017								X Officer (give title below) Other (specibelow)  President and COO				pecny
(Street) LOUISVILLE KY 40269					4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(S	(State) (Zip)				Person												
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D.					ar)   E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			Benefici Owned F	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	ect c rect E ) (	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporter Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)			Instr. 4)
Common Stock 02/					23/2017				A <sup>(1)</sup>		7,618	A	\$0.00	00 30	,555	D		
Common Stock					02/25/2017				F		898	D	\$78.	7 29	,657	D		
Common Stock 02					26/2017				F		553	D	\$78.	7 29	,104	D		
Common Stock 02/				02/2	23/2017	7			A <sup>(1)</sup>		115	A	\$0.00	00 4	26	I		By Spouse
Common Stock 02/2					25/2017				F		16	D	\$78.	7 4	10	I	- 1	By Spouse
Common Stock 02/				02/2	26/2017				F		15	D	\$78.	7 3	95			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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		ı of l		6. Date E: Expiratio (Month/D	n Dat		7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 a	ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Owne Form Direct or Ind (I) (In		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Options	\$78.77	02/23/2017			A		30,183		(2)		02/23/2027	Common Stock	30,183	\$0.0000	30,183	3	D	
Stock Options	\$78.77	02/23/2017			A		453		(2)		02/23/2027	Common Stock	453	\$0.0000	453		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 <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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