

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wierdsma Thomas M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE 700 621 NW 53RD STREET  (Street) BOCA RATON FL 33487  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GEO GROUP INC [ GEO ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP - Project Development</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/20/2012</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than 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)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Restricted Stock	07/20/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>		15,000	D	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	14,500	D	
Restricted Stock	07/20/2012		A		15,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0.00	29,500	D	
Common Stock								9,823	D	
Common Stock								100	I	By self as custodian for B. Wierdsma
Common Stock								100	I	By self as custodian for Oliver Thomas Adams
Common Stock								100	I	By self as custodian for Lauren Diane Wierdsma
Common Stock								100	I	By Self as custodian for Robert Oliver Weirdsman

**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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option	\$20.625							01/18/2007	01/18/2017	Common Stock	40,000	40,000	D	
Stock Option	\$16.69							10/30/2008	10/30/2018	Common Stock	10,000	10,000	D	
Stock Option	\$21.07							10/28/2009	10/28/2019	Common Stock	7,500	7,500	D	
Stock Option	\$24.61							03/01/2011	03/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500	7,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. On March 12, 2012, the reporting person received a grant of restricted stock of The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO"). The grant was rescinded on July 20, 2012 by the compensation committee with the consent of the reporting person.
2. Vesting of this grant of restricted stock of GEO is contingent upon the achievement by GEO of certain performance-based metrics during 2012, 2013 and 2014, as certified by the compensation committee. Under the terms of the restricted stock grant, vesting can occur annually on August 15, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively, or cumulatively on August 15, 2015.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Thomas M. Wierdsma By:  
John J. Bulfin as Attorney-in- 07/24/2012  
Fact

\*\* 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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