

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 O'Rourke, John G.  
 c/o The Wackenhut Corporation  
 4200 Wackenhut Drive #100  
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-4243  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Wackenhut Corrections Corporation  
 WHC
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year  
 September, 1997
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
7. 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	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	9/12/97	M	2,216	A	1.200	0		
Common Stock	9/12/97	S	2,216	D	27.000	0		
Common Stock	See Note 1	M	3,666	A	3.750	0		
Common Stock	See Note 1	S	3,666	D	See Note 1	0		

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Exercise Date	Expiration Date					
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	1.200	9/12/97	M	2,216	D	9/1/94	2/29/04	Common Stock		0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	3.750	See Note 1	M	3,666	D	11/6/94	5/5/04	Common Stock		15,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	22.625					4/25/96	4/24/06	Common Stock		5,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	21.500					1/23/97	1/22/07	Common Stock		5,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Note  
 (1) Employee Stock Option exercised and sold : 2,666 on 9/18/97 at \$27.250 and 1,000 on 9/18/97 at \$ 28.75.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 John G. O'Rourke BY: J. P. Rowan as Attorney-In-Fact  
 DATE

