

Filing Type:

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Description:

Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership

Filing Date:

September 5, 2002

Period End:

August 31, 2002

Primary Exchange:

New York Stock Exchange

Ticker:

WHC

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Pearson, Margaret
 c/o Wackenhut Corrections Corporation
 4200 Wackenhut Drive
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-4243
 USA

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

8/20/02

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Wackenhut Corrections Corporation
 WHC

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

() Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)

Vice President Corporate & Investor Relations

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of	3. Ownership
4. Nature of Indirect		
Beneficial Ownership	Securities	Form:
or	Beneficially	Direct(D)
Indirect(I)	Owned	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exer-	3. Title and Amount	4.
Conver- 5. Owner-	6. Nature of Indirect		
or ship	cisable and	of Underlying	sion
exercise Form of	Beneficial Ownership	Securities	
of Deriv-	Expiration		
Amount deri-	Date(Month/	-----	price
vative ative	Day/Year)		
Security:	Date Expira-		or
of Security Direct(D) or	Exer- tion	Title	Number
Indirect(I)	cisable Date		Shares

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Margaret Pearson BY K. Mendell

DATE

September 5, 2002