

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
 Thompson, James R.
 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
 December, 1996
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
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	12/11/96	M	1000	A	13.750			
Common Stock	12/11/96	S	1000	D	19.175	None		

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 (Month/Day/Year)	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
Director Stock Option	13.750	12/11/96	M	1000	4/27/95 - 4/26/05	Common Stock		0	D	
(Right to buy)										
Director Stock Option	22.625				4/25/96 - 4/24/06	Common Stock		2,000	D	
(Right to buy)										

Explanation of Responses:
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /s/ James R. Thompson BY: J. P. Rowan as Attorney-In-Fact
 DATE
 1/1/97