

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  
 Persante, Patricia M.  
 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  
 January, 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)  
 Senior Vice President
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			

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	
											Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	3.750				11/6/95	5/5/04	Common Stock		2,800	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	11.875				12/19/95	12/19/05	Common Stock		40,000	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	A	5,000	1/23/97	1/22/07	Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

NOTE:  
 (1) Option adjusted for 2 for 1 stock dividend of 6/3/96.  
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 /s/ Patricia M. Persante BY: J. P. Rowan as Attorney-In-Fact  
 DATE  
 2/4/97