Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, D.C. 20549 |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KERNAN SCOTT MICHAEL | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GEO GROUP INC [GEO] | | | | | | | | | lationship ck all app Direc | , | ng Per | rson(s) to Is | |
|--|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--|-------------------------|--------|------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---------------|---------|
| (Last) | ast) (First) (Middle) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | Office below | er (give title v) | | Other (below) | specify |
| 4955 TECHNOLOGY WAY | | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | filed by On | | • | |
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| | | | | | | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Table | I - No | n-Deriva | tive S | Secui | rities | Acq | uired, | Dis | posed of | , or E | Benef | iciall | y Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | Execution Date, | | ution Date, | | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | , 4 and Sec Ben | | cially I Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or P | rice | Transa | ansaction(s) str. 3 and 4) | | | (iiioai. 4) | | | |
| Restricted Stock | | | 03/01/2024 | | | | | A | | 11,166(1) | A | 1 8 | 60.00 | 36 | 6,888(2) | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 29 | ,236(2) | | D | | |
| | | Tal | ole II - | | | | | | | | osed of, convertib | | | | Owne | d | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | | | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | of | ired r osed) r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Expirat (Month) | ion Da | | Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4) | | ınt | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This grant of restricted stock of The GEO Group, Inc. vests in equal annual increments of 25% on each of the four anniversary dates immediately following the grant date.
- 2. The amount of shares has been adjusted to reflect the March 1, 2024 vesting of 11,340 shares of restricted stock.

Remarks:

/s/Joe Negron, as Attorney-in-Fact for Scott M. Kernan

03/05/2024

** 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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