## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| <b>STATEMENT</b> | OF CHANGES IN | <b>BENEFICIAL</b> | <b>OWNERSHIP</b> |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*      MADDUX RON  (Last) (First) (Middle) |  |   |             |              | 3. D                       | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GEO GROUP INC [ GEO ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2011 |              |             |  |  |                    |       |             |   | check a   | onship of Reporting<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title<br>below)                                  |              | g Person(s) to Iss<br>10% Ow<br>Other (s<br>below)<br>Corporate Dev      |   | vner<br>specify |
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|  |  |   |             |              | 4. If                      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |              |             |  |  |                    |       |             |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |              |  |   |                 |
| (Street)   | ATON EI  |   | 33487       |              |                            |  |              |             |  |  |                    |       |             |   | X   | Form t   | filed by One | Rep  | orting Perso  | n               |
| ———  | BOCA RATON FL 33487  |   |             |              |                            |  |              |             |  |  |                    |       |             | Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |   |  |              |  |   |                 |
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|  |  | Tab   | le I - Nor  | า-Deriv      | ative                      | Se   | curiti       | es A        | cquirec  | , Dis  | posed              | of, o | r Ber       | neficia   | ally O  | wne  | t            |  |   |                 |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D                       |  |   |             |              | Execution Da               |  | n Date       | Code (Instr |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5) |                    |       |             | l and Securiti<br>Benefic                       |   | ties For<br>cially (D)<br>I Following (I) (  |              | m: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4)                                     | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                 |
|  |  |   |             |              |                            |  |              | Code        | v  | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)      |       | Price       | 1   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                          |  |              |  | (111511.4)  |                 |
| Restricted Stock 09/01/  |  |   |             | /2011        | /2011                      |  |              |             |  | 7000   | 700(1)             |       | \$21        | .23   | 8,769   |  |              | D  |   |                 |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |             |              |                            |  |              |             |  |  |                    |       |             |   |   |  |              |  |   |                 |
| Derivative Conversion Date Executity Or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any       |  | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | ed<br>Date, | 4.<br>Transa | ransaction (code (Instr. ) |  | 5. Number 6. |             | 6. Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |                    |       | Security    | 8. Pr<br>Deriv<br>Secu                          |   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | у            | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                             |                 |
|  |  |   |             |              | Code                       | v  | (A)          | (D)         | Date<br>Exercisa   |  | Expiration<br>Date | Title |             | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares          |   |  |              |  |   |                 |
| Stock<br>Option  | \$21.555   |   |             |              |                            |  |              |             | 02/05/20   | 07 0   | 2/05/2017          | Com   | mon<br>ock  | 1,200   |   |  | 1,200        |  | D   |                 |
| Stock<br>Option  | \$16.69  |   |             |              |                            |  |              |             | 10/30/20   | 08 1   | .0/30/2018         | Com   |             | 1,200   |   |  | 1,200        |  | D   |                 |
| Stock<br>Option  | \$21.07  |   |             |              |                            |  |              |             | 10/28/20   | 09 1   | .0/28/2019         | Com   | imon<br>ock | 2,400   |   |  | 2,400        |  | D   |                 |
| Stock<br>Option  | \$24.61  |   |             |              |                            |  |              |             | 03/01/20   | 11 (   | 3/01/2021          |       | mon<br>ock  | 4,000   |   |  | 4,000        |  | D   |                 |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares of vested restricted stock were sold by Mr. Maddux to The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO") on September 1, 2011 at a price per share of \$21.23, which was the closing trading price of GEO common stock on that date. GEO reputchased the shares pursuant to its recently announced \$100 million stock buyback program. A portion of the proceeds from this sale were used to pay the taxes associated with the September 1, 2011 vesting of 750 shares of restricted stock.

## Remarks:

John J. Bulfin as Attorney-In-09/02/2011 Fact for Ron Maddux

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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