RICHARDSON J WILLIAM

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading RICHARDSON J WILLIAM Issuer Symbol AMERISTAR CASINOS INC (Check all applicable) [ASCA] _X__ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) 3773 HOWARD HUGHES 02/25/2013 PKWY, SUITE 490S

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(State)

(City)

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed 4 and 3 (A) or	of (D) 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/25/2013		Code V S	Amount 11,000	(D)	Price \$ 26.35	26,920 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2013		S	3,300	D	\$ 26.33	23,620 (1)	D	
Common Stock							825	I	Family LLC (2)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Number Expiration Da of (Month/Day/Y Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		Amount of	int of rlying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RICHARDSON J WILLIAM							
3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY	X						
SUITE 490S	2 %						
LAS VEGAS, NV 89169							

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Walsh, 02/26/2013 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- Balance includes previously reported restricted stock units, each of which constitutes the right to receive one share of common stock in **(1)** the future.
- Securities owned by Richardson Family, LLC, of which Mr. Richardson is the sole managing member and of which Mr. Richardson's immediate family members are the only other members.

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