FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CARLINO PETER M</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC [ PENN ]													
(Last) (First) (Middle) 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD SUITE 200						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/22/2006								X	Officer (give title below)  Chairman & CEO				
(Street) WYOMI (City)	WYOMISSING PA 19610					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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 (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Disposed Of					ind 5) Secur Benef		icially d Following	Form:	Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	r Prid	e	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)			(				
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 03/22/20							006		S		246,120	D	\$4	\$40.0514		4 712,660 <sup>(2)</sup>		I	Sold by GRAT
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	tive Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				ransaction ode (Instr.		mber ative rities ired osed	6. Date Expira (Month	tion D		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Der Sec (Ins	rice of ivative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci:	sable	Expiration Date	Title	of Share	s					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (GRAT)Transactions reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a stock trading plan, dated November 30, 2005, established pursuant to rule 10b5-1.
- 2. The reporting person is also the indirect beneficial owner of 10,082,073 shares, which are owned by The Carlino Family Trust, a greater than ten percent owner of the issuer, of which Peter M. Carlino is a Trustee and the direct owner of 1,540,246 shares. Peter M. Carlino disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Carlino Family Trust and the Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, and this report should not be deemed an admission that Peter M. Carlino is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purpose of section 16 or any other purpose.

/s/Robert S Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Peter M. 03/23/2006 Carlino

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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