

KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 JACKSON DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KNIGHT TRANSPORTATION INC
 [KNX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

PHOENIX, AZ 85043
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.3 | 05/16/2005 | A | 10,000 | | | | | 12/31/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2015 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JACKSON DAVID A 5601 WEST BUCKEYE ROAD PHOENIX, AZ 85043 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ David A.
Jackson

05/18/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Mr. Jackson was granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares of Knight Transportation, Inc. common stock at a price equal to the market value of such stock as of May 16, 2005, the date of grant, with 20% of such options to become vested and exercisable on December 31, 2005, and an additional 5% to become vested and exercisable each calendar quarter thereafter until all options are vested and exercisable as of December 31, 2009; such options to terminate ten years from the date of grant.

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