

MALOOF THOMAS A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MALOOF THOMAS A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
27101 PUERTA REAL SUITE 450  
(Street)  
MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/06/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/06/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	5,700 D	\$ 16.51 78,258	D	
					(2)		
Common Stock	01/07/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	4,300 D	\$ 16.43 73,958	D	
					(3)		

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 (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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Notation of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

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## Signatures

Daniel H. Walker, as attorney  
in fact

01/08/2010

        \*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5(1) trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 19, 2009.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$16.40 to \$16.64. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$16.40 to \$16.50. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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