

Wierdsma Thomas M
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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 *
 Wierdsma Thomas M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE
 700, 621 NW 53RD STREET
 (Street)

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GEO GROUP INC [GEO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/01/2011

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)
 SVP - Project Development

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			
Restricted Stock	09/01/2011		S	397 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 21.23	28,223	D	

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)

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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. 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 or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Option	\$ 20.625					01/18/2007 01/18/2017	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option	\$ 16.69					10/30/2008 10/30/2018	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 21.07					10/28/2009 10/28/2019	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Option	\$ 24.61					03/01/2011 03/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/ Thomas M. Wierdsma By: John J. Bulfin as Attorney-in-Fact 09/02/2011

**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) These shares of vested restricted stock were sold by Mr. Wierdsma 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 repurchased the shares pursuant to its recently announced \$100 million stock buyback program. The proceeds from this sale were used to pay the taxes associated with the September 1, 2011 vesting of 1,500 shares of restricted stock.

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