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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ESCALADE INC [ESCA] A Messmer Daniel (Month/Day/Year) 04/19/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 448 DERRINGTON DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _Other Person EVANSVILLE, INÂ 47711 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Chief Operating Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 98,988 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	ve 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Incentive Stock Options $02/21/2003_{\underline{(1)}} 03/06/2011_{\underline{(2)}} Common Stock 102,500 $14.07_{\underline{(1)}} D \hat{A}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Messmer Daniel 448 DERRINGTON DRIVE EVANSVILLE, IN 47711	Â	Â	Chief Operating Officer	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Daniel
Messmer

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- A total of 102,500 incentive stock options are outstanding. These were granted as follows: 7,500 options granted 02/21/2003 at \$6.985 (1) per share 30,000 options granted 02/16/2004 at \$19.21 per share 40,000 options granted 02/28/2005 at \$13.40 per share 25,000 options granted 03/06/2006 at \$11.08 per share
- (2) Outstanding options vest over 4 years and are exercisable upon vesting. Options expire 5 years after date of grant.

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