

Kline Jon D
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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 *
 Kline Jon D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

905 CALLE AMANCER, SUITE 300

(Street)

SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CareTrust REIT, Inc. [CTRE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/20/2017

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)
Common Stock	07/20/2017		A	(A) 7,104 (1)	\$ 0 50,914	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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kline Jon D 905 CALLE AMANCER SUITE 300 SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673	X			

Signatures

/s/ William M. Wagner,
attorney-in-fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

07/21/2017
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).
Represents (i) 3,552 restricted shares of common stock granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's non-employee director compensation plan and (ii) 3,552 restricted shares of common stock granted to the Reporting Person in lieu of cash directors fees payable to such Reporting Period, pursuant to an election by the Reporting Period under the Issuer's non-employee director compensation plan.
- (1) The first 3,552 shares vest in full on the earlier of June 30, 2018 and the commencement of Issuer's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The second 3,552 shares vest in full on the earlier of June 30, 2018 and the commencement of Issuer's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or on a pro rata basis upon the Reporting Person's earlier separation from service.

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