

DENNYS CORP  
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 \*  
**HERMAN CRAIG E**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**120 BELLCLAIRE COURT**  
  
(Street)

**SPARTANBURG, SC 29301**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DENNYS CORP [DENN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**10/03/2005**

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)  
**Sr. V.P.**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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
Restricted Stock Performance Units	<u>(1)</u>	10/03/2005	A	150,000					<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	150,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERMAN CRAIG E 120 BELLCLAIRE COURT SPARTANBURG, SC 29301			Sr. V.P.	

## Signatures

J. Scott Melton for Craig E. Herman	10/04/2005
**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).

Up to 1/3 of this award may be earned in each of 2006, 2007 and 2008 based on peer group shareholder return performance over an October 2005 to June 2006 time frame for 2006, and a July to June time frame for years 2007 and 2008. The entire award, however, is (1) earned after five years of continued employment with the Registrant. Units earned will be paid 1/2 in cash and 1/2 in stock based upon a 1-for-1 conversion basis with 50% of an award being paid one year after the award is earned and the remaining 50% being paid after two years contingent upon continued employment with the Registrant.

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