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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> Messme		eporting	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESCALADE INC [ESCA]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/19/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
448 DERRI	INGTON I	DRIVE							
(Street)				(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
EVANSVII	LLE, INÂ	à 47711		Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Operating Officer			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned		
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	urity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	*		
Common S	tock		98,988		D	Â			
Reminder: Rep owned directly	· •		ach class of securities benefici	^{ially} S	EC 1473 (7-02	.)			
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	Table II - De	erivative Secu	rities Beneficially Owned (e.	.g., puts, calls,	warrants, op	tions, c	onvertible securities)		
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(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
	(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Options	02/21/2003(1)	03/06/2011 <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	102,500	\$ 14.07 (1)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

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

04/19/2006		
04/19/2000		
Date		

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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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