FORM 4

### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MULHOLLAND MICHAEL D |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES INC [ BBSI ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner |                                                                                            |                       |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>8100 NE PARKWAY DRIVE<br>SUITE 200  |         | (Middle) | =                                                                                  |                                                                                             | Officer (give title below)                                                                 | Other (specify below) |  |  |
|                                                                |         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2006                        |                                                                                             | VP Finance & Secretary                                                                     |                       |  |  |
| (Street) VANCOUVER                                             | WA      | 98662    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           | 6. Indivi                                                                                   | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Ch<br>Form filed by One Reportin<br>Form filed by More than Or | ig Person             |  |  |
| (City)                                                         | (State) | (Zip)    |                                                                                    |                                                                                             |                                                                                            |                       |  |  |

# Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                            |                                                             | Code                            | v | Amount                                                               | (A) or<br>(D) | Price     | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                     |                                                                   | (Instr. 4)                                          |
| Common Stock                    | 05/02/2006                                 |                                                             | M                               |   | 30,000                                                               | A             | \$2       | 30,750                                                                 | D                                                                 |                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 05/02/2006                                 |                                                             | М                               |   | 6,000                                                                | A             | \$2.01    | 36,750                                                                 | D                                                                 |                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 05/02/2006                                 |                                                             | S                               |   | 24,200                                                               | D             | \$26.4492 | 12,550                                                                 | D                                                                 |                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 05/03/2006                                 |                                                             | S                               |   | 11,800                                                               | D             | \$26.2321 | 750                                                                    | D                                                                 |                                                     |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   |     |        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |                                     | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
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|                                                  |                                                                       |                                            |                                                             | Code                            | v | (A) | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                                                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                                                     | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)                                                               |                                                                          |                                                                    |
| Employee Stock<br>Option (Right to<br>Buy)       | \$2                                                                   | 05/02/2006                                 |                                                             | М                               |   |     | 30,000 | 08/20/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>                                      | 08/20/2012         | Common<br>Stock                                                                            | 30,000                              | \$0                                                 | 0                                                                                          | D                                                                        |                                                                    |
| Employee Stock<br>Option (Right to<br>Buy)       | \$2.01                                                                | 05/02/2006                                 |                                                             | М                               |   |     | 6,000  | 06/04/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>                                      | 06/04/2013         | Common<br>Stock                                                                            | 6,000                               | \$0                                                 | 5,250                                                                                      | D                                                                        |                                                                    |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the date shown. Vesting accelerated in full effective December 30, 2005.

Michael D. Mulholland

05/04/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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