FORM 4

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

Washington, D	.C. 20549
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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Accordino Daniel T					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [ TAST ]								(Che	elationship eck all app Direc	licable)	ng Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner			
(Last)	/Fi	ret) (I	Middle)					_						)	Office below	er (give title v)		Other (	specify
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.  968 JAMES STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2021									CEO and President					
(Street)	USE N	? 1	3203		4. If <i>I</i>	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	Y Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(St	ate) (Ž	Zip)												Perso	on			
		Table	I - No	n-Deriva	tive S	Secu	rities	Acq	uired,	Dis	posed of	, or E	Bene	ficial	ly Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securitie Disposed C			es Acqu Of (D) (I	uired (A Instr. 3	A) or , 4 and	Benefi	ties cially I Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	(A) or (D) F		Transa	ansaction(s) nstr. 3 and 4)			(111041. 4)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value 03/01/2					2021			A		46,386	A	A <sup>(1)</sup> \$0 <sup>0</sup>		1,879,718			D		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date, rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Transaction of Code (Instr. 8) Sec Acc (A) Dis of (Instr. 1)		of Deriv	r osed ) r. 3, 4	6. Date Expirat (Month)	ion Da			str.	. Price of lerivative security nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			l		Code	۷	(A)	(D)	Exercis	able	Date	Title	Share	es					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The restricted stock units were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's Executive Bonus Plan and 2016 Stock Incentive Plan, and represent a portion of the Reporting Person's incentive bonus earned for 2020. The restricted stock units can only be settled in shares of the Issuer's common stock and therefore are reported in Table 1. The restricted stock units vest in equal installments over 3

## Remarks:

/s/ Daniel Accordino

03/17/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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