

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Shaye Lewis S</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.</u><br><u>968 JAMES STREET</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>SYRACUSE NY 13203</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>12/14/2006</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [ TAST ]</u>   |   |
|   |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>VP, Chief Concept Officer</u> | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |
|   |  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)                        | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| <u>Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share</u>         | <u>22,576</u>   | <u>D</u>   |   |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |                 |   |                            |   |
|--|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)   | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |                            | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |   |
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Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

The Reporting Person holds an option that will become reportable if and when (a) the Issuer's initial public offering price is established and (b) the offering contemplated by the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-137524) (including the prospectus contained therein and any and all exhibits and other documents relating thereto) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on September 22, 2006, as amended, is consummated.

/s/ Lewis S. Shaye  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/14/2006  
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 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).

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