

Christensen Roy E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Christensen Roy E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/19/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |           |                  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----------|------------------|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |           |                  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/19/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 17,800  | D  | \$ 24.3991<br><u>(2)</u>                              | 2,257,293 | I <sup>(3)</sup> | Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/20/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 45,300  | D  | \$ 23.87<br><u>(4)</u>                                | 2,211,993 | I <sup>(3)</sup> | Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 |
| Common Stock                    | 01/21/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 38,179  | D  | \$ 23.8199<br><u>(5)</u>                              | 2,173,814 | I <sup>(3)</sup> | Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 |

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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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       | Title                 |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |                       |
| Christensen Roy E<br>27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450<br>MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691                      | X             | X         |         |       | Chairman of the Board |
| Christensen Carol M.<br>27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450<br>MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691                   |               | X         |         |       |                       |
| Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92<br>27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450<br>MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 |               | X         |         |       |                       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| /s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney for Roy E. Christensen                     | 01/21/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| /s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney for Carol M. Christensen                   | 01/21/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| /s/ Suzanne Snapper, as power of attorney for Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92 | 01/21/2011 |
| **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).

(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 7, 2010. This plan was terminated pursuant to its terms effective January 21, 2011.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.20 to \$24.72. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) These shares are directly owned by the Christensen Family Trust dated 8/17/92, as ten percent of the issuer, and indirectly owned by Roy E. Christensen and Carol M. Christensen as trustees of the trust. Roy E. Christensen is a director, officer and ten percent owner of the issuer. Carol M. Christensen is a ten percent owner of the issuer.

(4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$23.69 to \$24.19. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$23.68 to \$24.00. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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