

HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**SHERIDAN THOMAS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC [HPY]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Portfolio Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/06/2006**

(Street)  
**PRINCETON, NJ 08542**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/06/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 9.275
Common Stock	12/06/2006		S		600	D	\$ 28.65
Common Stock	12/06/2006		S		2,700	D	\$ 28.66
Common Stock	12/06/2006		S		11,700	D	\$ 28.7

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 9.275	12/06/2006		M	15,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 12/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERIDAN THOMAS C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. 90 NASSAU STREET PRINCETON, NJ 08542			Chief Portfolio Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas Sheridan  
12/08/2006  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 options were granted under Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.'s 2000 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Of the 214,219 shares of stock underlying the option grant that have not been exercised, 134,219 options have vested and are exercisable as of the date of this filing and an option for the remaining 80,000 shares will become exercisable on December 1, 2007.

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