

SHERIDAN THOMAS  
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/06/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Portfolio Officer

C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount or Price                                                                               |                                                          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2007                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 5,001 A \$ 9.275                                                                              | 70,106                                                   | D                                          |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2007                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 1,901 D \$ 30.25                                                                              | 68,205                                                   | D                                          |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2007                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 3,100 D \$ 30.3758                                                                            | 65,105                                                   | D                                          |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 9.275                                               | 09/06/2007                           |                                                    | M                              | 5,001                                                                                   | <sup>(2)</sup> 12/01/2014                                | Common Stock                                                  | 5,001                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas Sheridan 09/07/2007

\*\*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 options were granted under Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.'s Second Amended and Restated 2000 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) Of the 201,718 shares of stock underlying the option grant that have not been exercised, 121,718 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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