

TENET HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2006

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

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**Date of Report: May 17, 2006**

(Date of earliest event reported)

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**TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-7293**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-2557091**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**13737 Noel Road**

**Dallas, Texas 75240**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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**(469) 893-2200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 17, 2006, Tenet Healthcare Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has reached a \$21 million civil settlement with the United States Attorney in San Diego to resolve the long-running criminal case entitled *United States of America v. Barry Weinbaum, Tenet HealthSystem Hospitals Inc. and Alvarado Hospital Medical Center Inc.*

A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: */s/ E. Peter Urbanowicz*  
E. Peter Urbanowicz  
General Counsel

Date: May 17, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press Release Issued on May 17, 2006

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