

Gallaher Timothy J  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Gallaher Timothy J                      |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 08/17/2006                           |  |  |
| 1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH                   |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   |  |
|   |         |                                      | VP, Investor Relations   |  |
| MINNEAPOLIS,Â MNÂ 55416                   |         |                                      |  |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                |  |  |

**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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 875   | I  | By 401(k)   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**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) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

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|                             |            |            |              | Shares |            | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|------------|-------------------|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/01/2006 | 05/01/2013 | Common Stock | 1,000  | \$ 15.0759 | D                 | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1)      | 02/18/2011 | Common Stock | 1,300  | \$ 19.3208 | D                 | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2)      | 02/16/2015 | Common Stock | 3,100  | \$ 20.51   | D                 | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3)      | 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000  | \$ 27.245  | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Gallaher Timothy J<br>1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416 | Â             | Â         | Â VP, Investor Relations | Â     |

## Signatures

Teresa H. Johnson on behalf of Timothy J. Gallaher  
Date: 08/21/2006

Signature of Reporting Person: \_\_\_\_\_

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on February 18, 2005.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 16, 2006.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2007.

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