

Ruiz Othon Montemayor  
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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 \*  
 Ruiz Othon Montemayor

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC., 1550 UTICA AV S

(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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)**

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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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2008		A		15,882.353		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	15,882.3

**Reporting Owners**

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Ruiz Othon Montemayor  
 C/O MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
 1550 UTICA AV S  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416

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**Signatures**

Teresa H. Johnson on behalf of Othon Ruiz Montemayor

01/05/2009

\*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 stock units of MoneyGram International, Inc. (MGI) reported herein are held pursuant to the 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors of MoneyGram International, Inc., and include units accrued December 31, 2008 as a result of deferrals under the plan. Each unit is equivalent to one share of MGI common stock. Units are payable in cash upon the termination of the reporting person's service. The transaction is exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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