TERRELL BROOKS L

Form 4

March 02, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

TERRELL BROOKS L Issuer Symbol HEARTLAND PAYMENT (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS INC [HPY] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT 02/22/2006 Chief Technology Officer SYSTEMS INC., 90 NASSAU

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STREET

(State)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(City)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------|------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | 3. 4. Securities Acquired if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2006 | | M | 20,000 | A | \$ 5 | 20,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2006 | | M | 48,000 | A | \$ 6.25 | 68,000 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of tiorDerivative Securities) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | erivative Expiration Date (courities (Month/Day/Year) cquired (A) Disposed of D) nstr. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1) (2) | \$ 5 | 02/22/2006 | | M | | 20,000 | 02/15/2003 | 02/15/2013 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1) (2) | \$ 6.25 | 02/22/2006 | | M | | 48,000 | (3) | 01/15/2014 | Common Stock | 48,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | Relationships | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

TERRELL BROOKS L C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC. 90 NASSAU STREET PRINCETON, NJ 08542

X Chief Technology Officer

Signatures

Brooks L Terrell 03/02/2006

**Signature of 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 exercise price and the number of shares of common stock underlying the Option are adjusted to reflect the Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.'s 2-for-1 stock split that became effective as of July 26, 2005.
- (2) The Options were granted under Issuer's 2000 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) The Options were granted on January 15, 2004 with a four year vesting period.

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