STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

CHURCHILL DOWNS INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WALDROP ALEXANDER M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHURCHILL DOWNS INC	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			[CHDN]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify		
700 CENTRAL AVE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2004	below) below) Senior VP, Public Affairs		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
LOUISVILLE	, KY 40208		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Code Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price Common 7,800 D Stock, no 12/17/2004 M 1.344 \$ 27.75 Α par value Common Stock, no 12/17/2004 M 5,906 Α \$ 27.23 13,706 D par value Common Stock, no 12/17/2004 M 2,330 Α \$ 21.5 16,036 D par value S 7,250 D Common 12/17/2004 D \$ 8,786 Stock, no 43.4883

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par value

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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)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	orities uired or osed of r. 3, 4,	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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.75	12/17/2004		M		1,344	11/15/2003	11/14/2010	Common Stock	1,344
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.23	12/17/2004		M		5,906	11/14/2004	11/13/2011	Common Stock	5,906
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.5	12/17/2004		M		2,330	11/20/2000	11/19/2007	Common Stock	2,330

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
WALDROP ALEXANDER M 700 CENTRAL AVE LOUISVILLE, KY 40208			Senior VP, Public Affairs		

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/s/ Alexander M. 12/21/2004 Waldrop

**Signature of Reporting Date

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