

National Interstate CORP
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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 *
 Gonzales Arthur J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3250 INTERSTATE DRIVE
 (Street)

RICHFIELD, OH 44286-9000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 National Interstate CORP [NATL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/10/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP, Gen. Counsel & Sec'y

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 11/10/2016 | | D | (A) or (D) 5,331 (1) | \$ 32 0 | 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)

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.95 | 11/10/2016 | | D | 40,000 | 01/01/2010 ⁽²⁾ | Common Shares (\$0.01 par value) | 40,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gonzales Arthur J 3250 INTERSTATE DRIVE RICHFIELD, OH 44286-9000 | | | Sr. VP, Gen. Counsel & Sec'y | |

Signatures

/s/ Arthur J. Gonzales
 11/14/2016
 **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) Represents restricted shares. Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 25, 2016, by and among Great American Insurance Company, GAIC Alloy, Inc., and National Interstate Corporation (the "Company"), as amended by Amendment No. 1, dated as of August 15, 2016 (the "Agreement and Plan of Merger"). Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, effective as of November 10, 2016, these shares, whether vested or unvested, were automatically cancelled and converted into the the right to receive \$32.00 per share in cash, less any required withholding taxes. In addition, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$0.50 per common share payable to shareholders of record immediately prior to the effective time of the merger.
 - (2) Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, such options, whether vested or unvested, were cancelled and converted into the right to receive per share the excess of \$32.50 over the per share exercise price, less any withholding taxes.

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