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| 1. Name a <u>Paglia</u> | 2. | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) STERLING CHECK CORP. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2024 | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title See R | give title Other (below) See Remarks | | specify | | |
| 6150 OAK TREE BOULEVARD, SUITE 490 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) INDEPENDENCE OH 44131 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transactio Date (Month/Day/Y | | | | | | Exec if an | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Disposed Of | | | 5) | | es ally Following | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 07/ | | | | | 2024 | | | | М | П | 21,913 | A | \$9.6 | 829 640 | |),244 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 07/ | | | | | /2024 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 21,913 | D | \$15.1 | 939 | 618 | ,331 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 07/15/24 | | | | | .024 | | | | М | | 13,285 | A | \$9.6 | 829 | 631 | ,616 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock 07/15/202 | | | | | .024 | 24 | | | М | | 4,241 | Α | \$9.6 | 829 | 635 | 5,857 | | D | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 07/15/2 | .024 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 17,526 | D | \$15.18 | 388 ⁽² | ²⁾ 618 | 3,331 | | D | | | |
| | | | Table I | | | | | | | | sposed of, , converti | | | | Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | | 4. Transa Code (8) | action | 5. Number tion of | | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | | cisable and Date | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | | unt | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | cisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | ber | | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$9.6829 | 07/12/2024 | | | | | | 21,913 | (| (3) | 02/21/2027 | Commo Stock | ^m 21,9 | 13 | \$0 | 13,285 | | D | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$9.6829 | 07/15/2024 | | | | | | 13,285 | (| (3) | 02/21/2027 | Commo Stock | ⁿ 13,2 | 13,285 | | 0 | | D | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$9.6829 | 07/15/2024 | 2024 | | М | | | 4,241 | (3) | | 11/28/2028 | Commo Stock | ⁿ 4,24 | 41 | \$0 | 249,136 | | D | | | |
| • | n of Respons | ses: cted pursuant to a Ru | le 1055 1 | Plan adopte | d by M | r Parli | a on 1 | une 20. 1 | 023 | | 9 | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| 2. This trans | action was exe | cuted in multiple trad | | - | | - | | | | ce repo | rted above refl | ects the w | eighted av | /erage | sales price. | | | | | | |
| 3. These opti | ions are fully v | ested. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Remarks:

Mr. Paglia is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Sterling Check Corp.

/s/ Steven L. Barnett, Attorneyin-Fact for Lou Paglia 07/16/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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