

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Wagner William M</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>905 CALLE AMANECER<br>SUITE 300<br><br>(Street)<br>SAN CLEMENTE CA 92673<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CareTrust REIT, Inc. [ CTRE ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>CFO, Treasurer and Secretary</u> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>02/06/2019</u>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 02/06/2019                           |                                                    | F                              |   | 6,175 <sup>(1)</sup>                                              | D          | \$21.85 | 192,675                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |

**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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V |                                                                                        | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date |                                                                                   |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to pay tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Person upon the vesting of restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person on February 6, 2018.

**Remarks:**

/s/ William M. Wagner 02/08/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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