

GLOBAL CASH ACCESS HOLDINGS, INC.

Reported by
ELLIS HELEN MARI

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| CIK | 0001318568 |
| Symbol | GCA |
| SIC Code | 6199 - Finance Services |
| Industry | Business Services |
| Sector | Services |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31 |

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| ELLIS HELEN MARI | | | Global Cash Access Holdings, Inc. | | | _____ Director _____ 10% Owner | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | ___ X ___ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) | | |
| 3525 EAST POST ROAD SUITE 120 | | | 2/24/2009 | | | Exec. Vice President | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| LAS VEGAS, NV 89120 | | | | | | ___ 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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | | | |
| common stock | 2/24/2009 | | A | | 50000 | A | \$2.27 | 50000 (1) | D |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| stock option (right to buy) | \$2.27 | 2/24/2009 | | A | 100000 | (2) | 2/22/2019 | common stock | 100000 | \$0.00 | 200000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Restricted Stock Award vests periodically over a period of four years.
- (2) The option vests periodically over a period of four years.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ELLIS HELEN MARI 3525 EAST POST ROAD SUITE 120 LAS VEGAS, NV 89120 | | | Exec. Vice President | |

Signatures

Mari Ellis by Kathryn Lever, Attorney-in-Fact

2/26/2009

** 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).

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