

# GLOBAL CASH ACCESS HOLDINGS, INC.

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**SEARS THOMAS M**

## FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a)  
of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
<b>SEARS THOMAS M</b>	<b>9/22/2005</b>	<b>Global Cash Access Holdings, Inc. [GCA]</b>
(Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<b>3525 EAST POST ROAD SUITE 120</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Exec. Vice President /</b>	
(Street)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
<b>LAS VEGAS, NV 89120</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<b>Stock Option (Right to Buy)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>1/7/2015</b>	<b>common stock</b>	<b>100000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>D</b>	

#### Explanation of Responses:

(1) 25% of the Shares subject to the Option shall vest twelve months after the Vesting Commencement Date, and 1/36th of the remaining number of Shares subject to the Option shall vest on each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date thereafter.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>SEARS THOMAS M 3525 EAST POST ROAD SUITE 120 LAS VEGAS, NV 89120</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Exec. Vice President</b>	

## Signatures

Thomas M. Sears by Kathryn Lever

9/22/2005

\*\* 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 5(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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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Harry Hagerty, Kirk Sanford, and Kathryn Lever, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Global Cash Access, Inc. (the "Company"), any and all Forms 3, 4 and 5 required to be filed by the undersigned in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- 2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of the attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned, pursuant to this Power of Attorney, shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that no such attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is hereby assuming, nor is the Company hereby assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in the securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the 12th day of September, 2005.

*Signature* /s/Thomas M. Sears