

CONSECO INC
Reported by
MURRAY DENNIS E SR

FORM 5
(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 02/11/98 for the Period Ending 12/31/97

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

() Form 3 Holdings Reported

() Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Murray, Sr., Dennis E.

111 East Shoreline Drive
Sandusky, OH 44870
USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Conseco, Inc.
CNC

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year December 31, 1997

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line) (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock						480,925	D	
Common Stock						796(1)	I	By Wife
Common Stock						400,000	I	By Trust
Common Stock						320,000	I	By Trust
Common Stock						464,000	I	By Trust
Common Stock						603,075	I	By Limited Partnership

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Exercise Date	Expiration Date					
Options to Purchase (2)	\$40.44	5/13/97	A	5,000	A	(2)	5/12/07	Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	

Options to Purchase (3)											50,000	D
Stock Units (4)	-0-	3/31/97	A	714.3	A	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	714.3			D
Stock Units (4)	-0-	4/1/97	A	3.8	A	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	3.8			D
Stock Units (4)	-0-	7/1/97	A	3.9	A	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	3.9			D
Stock Units (4)	-0-	10/1/97	A	11.5	A	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	11.5			D
Stock Units (4)	-0-	1/2/98	A	12.4	A	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	12.4	4,498.3		D
Stock Units (5)	1-for-1	5/27/97	A	214.2	A	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	214.2	\$36.69		
Stock Units (5)	1-for-1	7/14/97	A	190.5	A	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	190.5	\$36.06		
Stock Units (5)	1-for-1	10/22/97	A	199.8	A	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	199.8	\$48.78		
Stock Units (5)	1-for-1	12/12/97	A	149.6	A	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	149.6	\$45.25	4330	D

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
(2) Granted under the Conesco, Inc. 1994 Stock and Incentive Plan. The options become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning May 13, 1998.
(3) Represents stock options held by the Reporting Person as previously reported.
(4) Granted under the Conesco, Inc. 1994 Stock and Incentive Plan.
(5) Accrued under the Issuer's Stock Bonus and Deferred Compensation Program.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/Dennis E. Murray, Sr. by Karl W. Kindig, Attorney-in-Fact
DATE
February 11, 1998

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