

CONSECO INC Reported by DECATUR DAVID R

FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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 Decatur, David R.

1303 N. Arlington Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46219 USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Conseco, Inc.

- 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

1. Title of Security	2. Trans Date 		Securities Acq or Disposed of Amount		Price	5.Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6.Dir ect (D)or Indir ect(I)	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock		1 1				240,000	D	
 Common Stock						710	I	By Partnership

Table II Derivative	Securitit	es Acq	uired	, Disposed o	f, o	r Bene	ficial	ly Owned					
1.Title of Derivative	2.Con	3.	4.	5.Number of	De	6.Dat	e Exer	7.Title and	Amount	8.Price	9.Number	10.	11.Nature of
Security	version	Trans	actio	n rivative Secu		cisable and of Underlying		of Deri	of Deriva	Dir	Indirect		
	or Exer	Date	Code	red(A) or Dis		Expiration Date(Month/ Day/Year)		Securities 		vative	tive	ect	Beneficial
	cise Pr									Secu	Securities	(D)	Ownership
	ice of										Benefi o	or	
	Deriva					Date	Expir				ficially	Ind	1
	tive				A/	Exer-	ation	Title and	Number		Owned at	lire	
	Secu				D		Date	of Shares		ļ	End of	ct	<u> </u>
	rity			Amount		ble					Year	(I)	
Options to Purchase (1)	\$40.44	5/13/	A	5,000	A	(1)	5/12/	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
		97		I			07						
Options to Purchase (2)				 							10,000	D	
Stock Units (3)	-0-	3/31/ 97	A	714.3 	A	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	714.3 	 	 	D 	
Stock Units (3)	-0-	4/1/9 7	A	2.8 	A 	(3) 	(3)	Common Stock	2.8	 	 	D 	

Stock Units (3)	-0-	7/1/9 A 7	2.8	A 	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2.8		D	
Stock Units (3)	-0-	10/1/ A 97	8.4	A 	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	8.4		D 	
Stock Units (3)	-0-	1/2/9 A 8	9.1	A 	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	9.1	3,292.7	D 	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Granted under the Conseco, Inc. 1994 Stock and Incentive Plan. The options become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning May 13, 1998.
- (2) Represents stock options held by the Reporting Person as previously reported.(3) Granted under the Conseco, Inc. 1994 Stock and Incentive Plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ David R. Decatur by Karl W. Kindig, Attorney-in-Fact

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