FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Dion Steven	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2004 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION [CACC]									
(Last) (First) (Middle) 25505 WEST TWELVE MILE ROAD	-		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				
(Street)			X Officer (give title below) Chief Human Resource	Other (spe- below)	Ap	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check licable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SOUTHFIELD MI 48034						-	y More than One			
(City) (State) (Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			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 Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise	Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
	Date Exercisable	Expiratior Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				
Employee Stock Options	(1)	11/12/2011	Common stock	30,000	8.105	D				

Explanation of Responses:

1. The options will be exercisable as follows: 2,000 shares on 11/12/2002; 4,000 shares on 11/12/2003; 6,000 shares on 11/12/2004, 8,000 shares on 11/12/2005, and 10,000 shares on 11/12/2006.

/s/ Steve M. Dion

12/16/2004

** 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).
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