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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 4

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

O Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. *See* Instruction 1(b).

Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
Stautberg, Timothy E.	The E. W. Scripps Company (SSP)	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		
	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
312 Walnut Street, 28th Floor	12/23/02	
(Street)	-	
	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
Cincinnati, OH 45202	O Director O 10% Owner	o Form Filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)	☐ Officer (give title below)	O Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
	O Other (specify below)	
	Vice President/Communications and Investor Relations	

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).

Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Sec- urities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Trans- action(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)	Price					
Class A Common Shares, \$.0 par value p share								1,500	D			
Class A Common Shares, \$.0 par value p share		12/23/02		F V	80	D	\$80.65	886	D			
Class A Common Shares, \$.0 par value p share								100	D			
Class A Common Shares, \$.0 par value p share								200	I	Indirectly wife		
Common Voting Shares, \$.0 par value p share								None				

## Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1.	Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2.	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3.	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A.	Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4.	Transact Code (Instr. 8)		5.	Number of Derivati Acquired (A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	
									Code	V		(A)	(D)
	Option		\$47.22		1/15/98				A	V		1	
	Option		\$47.31		1/19/99				A	V		1	
	Option		\$49.00		1/24/00				A	V		1	
	Option		\$64.25		1/25/01				A	V		1	
	Option		\$75.11		2/20/02				A	V		1	

Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Securities Security (Instr. 5)  9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)				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								
1/15/99	1/14/08	Class A Common	4,300						D		
1/19/00	1/18/09	Class A Common	4,200						D		
1/24/01	1/23/10	Class A Common	4,000						D		
1/25/02	1/24/11	Class A Common	4,500						D		
2/20/03	2/19/12	Class A Common	15,000				5		D		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

This option is exercisable in three equal installments on the 24th day of January in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

This option is exercisable in three equal installments on the 25th day of January in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

This option is exercisable in three equal installments on the 20th day of February in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

/s/ Timothy E. Stautberg	12/23/02
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.