

PortalPlayer, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Johnson Gary

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
70 W. PLUMERIA DRIVE  
(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PortalPlayer, Inc. [PLAY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. 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)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(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		
Common Stock	03/14/2006		M		2,914 A \$ 0.45 64,747	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		S		2,914 (1) D \$ 23.8484 61,833	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		M		5,690 A \$ 0.45 67,523	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		S		5,690 (1) D \$ 23.8484 61,833	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		M		1,396 A \$ 16.68 63,229	D	

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Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	1,396 (1)	D	\$ 23.8484	61,833	D	
Common Stock						16,553	I	By Benhall Trust (2)
Common Stock						6,167	I	By TST FBO C Johnson (3)
Common Stock						6,167	I	By TST FBO M Johnson (4)
Common Stock						16,553	I	By Welby TST (5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.45	03/14/2006		M	5,690	12/07/2003 04/30/2013	Common Stock	5,690	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.45	03/14/2006		M	2,914	12/07/2006 04/30/2013	Common Stock	2,914	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.68	03/14/2006		M	1,396	05/03/2005 05/02/2015	Common Stock	1,396	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Gary 70 W. PLUMERIA DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

By: Pulay Mohun, Attorney-in-fact For: Gary  
Johnson

03/16/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 26, 2005.
- (2) By Benhall - (A) Annuity Trust dated June 9, 2004.  
By Johnson Childrens Trust F/B/O Claire Johnson. The shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's children. Joel Silberman is the trustee of the trust. 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 any other purpose.
- (4) By Johnson Childrens Trust F/B/O Matthew Johnson. The shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's children. Joel Silberman is the trustee of the trust. 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 any other purpose.
- (5) By Welby - (A) Annuity Trust dated June 9, 2004. The shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's wife. The reporting person's wife is trustee of the trust. 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 any other purpose.

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