

NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORP

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ELLIOTT THEODORE H JR

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ELLIOTT THEODORE H JR <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 20 WOODLAND DRIVE <small>(Street)</small> DARIEN, CT 06820 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 1/27/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National Interstate CORP [NATL]
4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value	215200	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELLIOTT THEODORE H JR 20 WOODLAND DRIVE DARIEN, CT 06820	X			

Signatures

/s/ Theodore H. Elliott, Jr. **1/27/2005**
** 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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