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(Print or Type Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Report WATSON H MITCHELL	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULD	(.	3. Date of 1 Month/Da 12/31/20	-	nsaction		X Director Officer (give below)		b Owner er (specify	
(Street)	(Street) 4. If Amen Filed(Mont			e Original		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
FRANKLIN, TN 37067							Aore than One Re		
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurities Aco	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y)	any	ed Date, if	3.	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	ies (A) or of (D)	5. Amount of	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of	
Common Stock						16,000	D		

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. Transactie Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Numbe Shares	
Stock Units (SU)	\$ 0	12/31/2008		А	1,097.394	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,097	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.13					05/25/2005	05/25/2014	Common Stock	10,0	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.71					01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,0	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director 10% Owner Offic		Officer	Other		
WATSON H MITCHELL JR 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	Х					
Signatures						
Rachel A. Seifert, Attorney in Fact Watson		01/05/2009				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Pe	erson			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 SU were accrued under the Company's Directors Fees Deferral Plan and are settled 100% in the Company's common stock upon cessation as a director or upon a date specified by the director.

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