

U.S. 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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Boyle Bernard C.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

599 MacArthur Boulevard

(Street)

Mahwah New Jersey 07430

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Professional Detailing, Inc. "PDII"

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

October 1998

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice-President and
Chief Financial Officer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Transaction (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount (A) or (D)	6. Owner-ship Amount of ship Securities Form: Beneficially Direct Nature of Owned at End (D) or Indirect Owned at End (D) or Indirect Owned at End (D) or Indirect Owned at End (D) or Indirect Owned at End (D) or Indirect	7. Price (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Indirect (Instr. 4)	9. Beneficial (Instr. 4)
			Code	V					
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	10/27/98	P		5,000	A	\$1.61	5,000	D	*(1)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share						4,331		I	*(1)

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

(Over)

*1: The Reporting Person, after exercising the option to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock") at \$1.61 per share (noted above), has an option, immediately exercisable to purchase 4,331 shares of Common Stock at \$1.61 per share.

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(1) If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(2).

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion of Exer- cise Price of	3. Trans- action Code	4. Acquired (A) or Disposed (D)	5. Number of Securities (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Exercisable and Expiration Date	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	9. Price Bene- fit Amount of Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	10. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- fi- cially Direct Owned (D) or Bene- fici- ally Direct Owned (I) or ship (Instr. 4)
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Option	\$1.61	10/27/98	M	D	As of 12/5/20/1998	Stock, 31/2005 par value \$0.01 per share	Common	5,000		D

Option	\$1.61				*(2) 12/31/2005	Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	Common	22,992	22,992	D
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Explanation of Responses: The Reporting Person has an option, immediately exercisable to purchase 4,331 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Stock") and exercisable on each of 5/20/99 for 9,331 shares of Common Stock, and 5/20/00 for 9,330 shares of Common Stock.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Bernard C. Boyle

November 5, 1998

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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