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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Kennedy Bryan J Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 02/16/2018 EVP & President, Epsilon 700 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PLANO, TX 75024

(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/16/2018		F <u>(1)</u>	640	D	\$ 243.5	124,884.177	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2018		F <u>(1)</u>	935	D	\$ 246.52	123,949.177 (2)	D	
Common Stock							600	I	By Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust (3)

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/D) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Under Securi	rlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP & Kennedy Bryan J 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 President, PLANO, TX 75024 **Epsilon**

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney 02/21/2018 in Fact

**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) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
 - The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 104,719.177 unrestricted shares; (b) 601 unvested units from an award of 1,769 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (c) 1,071 unvested units from an award of 3,151 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (d) 1,291 unvested units from an award of 1,926 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (e) 1,800
- (2) unvested units from an award of 2,687 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (f) 3,855 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (g) 1,576 unvested units from an award of 3,153 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/17; (h) 1,806 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; (i) 3,615 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18; and (j) 3,615 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/18.
- The shares are held in the Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's mother. The Reporting Person serves as trustee.

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