FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Von Moltke Lisa						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Cara Therapeutics, Inc. [ CARA ]									elationship eck all appli	cable)	g Per	son(s) to Iss	
(Last)	(F	irst)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2023										Officer (give title below)		Other (s below)	specify
C/O CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Application of the Check Application of the C									plicable				
107 ELM STREET, 4 STAMFORD PLAZA															)  K Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(Street)				-											filed by More than One Reporting				
STAMFO	STAMFORD CT 06902				Bu	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication													
(City) (State) (Zip)					Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.														
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)					es Foi ially (D) Following (I)		orm: Direct 0) or Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price	Transac	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 06/01/2					/2023	2023 A 32,362 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$		\$0.00	32	32,362		D							
	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)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	re es ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	O N O	lumber					
Stock Option (Right to	\$3.09	06/01/2023			A		44,961		(2)	0	6/01/2033	Commo Stock	n 4	4,961	\$0.00	44,961		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents the number of shares underlying restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation policy. Each RSU represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer. The RSUs vest on the earlier of (i) June 1, 2024 and (ii) immediately prior to the Issuer's next annual meeting of stockholders following the grant date, in each case, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through such date.
- 2. This option was granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation policy. The shares underlying the option vest and become exercisable on the earlier of (i) June 1, 2024 and (ii) immediately prior to the Issuer's next annual meeting of stockholders following the grant date, in each case, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through such date.

## Remarks:

/s/Darren DeStefano, Attorney-06/05/2023 in-Fact

\*\* 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 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).

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