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INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO Form 3 June 20, 2006 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LAHEY JOHN L			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO [IHC]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/16/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
C/O QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY, 275 MOUNT CARMEL AVE (Street)				X Director Officer	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One Reporting			
HAMDEN, (CTÂ 0651	8					Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	7		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nati Owner (Instr.	1			
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.					EC 1473 (7-02))				
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name /	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LAHEY JOHN L C/O QUINNIPIAC UNIV 275 MOUNT CARMEL A HAMDEN, CT 06518		ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures								
/s/ John Lahey	06/20/20	06						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							
Evaluation of Responses:								

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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