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1(b).

(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 Brown Jay A. Issuer Symbol **CROWN CASTLE** (Check all applicable) INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1220 AUGUSTA DR, SUITE 600 02/19/2018 President and CEO (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 HOUSTON, TX 77057 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018		M	26,465	` ,	\$ 0	179,503	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018		M	3,132	A	\$ 0	182,635	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018		M	5,400	A	\$ 0	188,035	D	

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Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018	M	8,057	A	\$ 0	196,092	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	02/19/2018	F	15,566 (1)	D	\$ 109.12	180,526	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value						2,000 (2)	I	by Spouse
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value						9,284 (3)	I	by 401(K) Plan

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance RSUs	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2018		M	26,465	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	26,465
Time RSUs	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2018		M	3,132	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	3,132
Time RSUs	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2018		M	5,400	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	5,400
Time RSUs	<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2018		M	8,057	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	8,057

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brown Jay A.

1220 AUGUSTA DR SUITE 600 X President and CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77057

Signatures

/s/ Jay A. Brown 02/21/2018

**Signature of Pate 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).
- Represents shares withheld by the issurer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of (1) certain shares of restricted stock and certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") previously granted to the Reporting Person. Such withholding is exempt from Section 16 (b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3) Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- Each RSU is issued pursuant to the Company's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, and vesting generally is subject to (i) the reporting person remaining an employee or director of the Company or its affiliates and (ii) the other criteria described in the footnotes below.
- 26,465 Performance RSUs vested on February 19, 2018, based upon the Company's total stockholder return performance ranking relative (5) to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's board of directors for the three year period ending February 12, 2018. The remainder of the original Performance RSUs granted in February 2015 did not vest on February 19, 2017 and were forfeited.
- (6) These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 12, 2015. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- (7) These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 18, 2016. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- (8) These Time RSUs were previously granted on February 16, 2017. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vest on February 19 of each of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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