FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

affirmative defense 10b5-1(c). See Instr								
1. Name and Address  DENTON RO	of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  COPT DEFENSE PROPERTIES [ CDP ]		tionship of Reporting Persor all applicable) Director	n(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2024		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
SUITE 300	A GATEWAY DRIV	/E	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Li     X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(Street)					Form filed by More than	One Reporting Person		
COLUMBIA	MD	21046						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, Transaction		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	 Beneficial Ownership			
					Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)

# 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)		5. Number of 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)			
Common Units- CDPLP	\$23.71	02/20/2024		C <sup>(1)</sup>			3,000	(2)	(1)	Common Shares	3,000	\$0	183,764	D		

### Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person redeemed 3,000 common units of limited partnership interest ("Common Units") of COPT Defense Properties, L.P., of which the issuer is the general partner. Common Units are convertible into an equal number of the issuer's common shares of beneficial interest or, at the election of the issuer, cash equal to the fair market value of such shares. In the case of these 3,000 Common Units, the issuer elected to pay cash upon the conversion of the reporting person's Common Units, based on the 10-day average closing price of the issuer's common shares on the New York Stock Exchange. Common Units have no expiration date.

2. Common Units are convertible upon issuance.

/s/ David L. Finch, by Power of

02/21/2024

Attorney

\*\* 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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