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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 08/02/2006

Unitrin, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 0-18298

DE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

95-4255452
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

312-661-4600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On August 2, 2006, the Board of Directors of Unitrin, Inc. (the "Company") elected Donald G. Southwell as the Company's new Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately, in accordance with its previously announced plan, as reported in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 28, 2006. Mr. Southwell will retain the office of President and relinquish his title as Chief Operating Officer. Also on August 2, 2006, the Board accepted the resignation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Richard C. Vie, who will continue to serve the Company as executive Chairman.

Additional information is included in the press release issued by the Company on August 2, 2006, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release dated August 2, 2006

Signature(s)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Unitrin, Inc.

Date: August 03, 2006

By: /s/ Scott Renwick

Scott Renwick
Senior Vice President, General Counsel &
Secretary

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	Description
EX-99.1	Press Release dated August 2, 2006

Unitrin's CEO Succession Plan Takes Effect

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--August 2, 2006--Unitrin, Inc. (NYSE:UTR) reported that, in accordance with its previously announced plan, the Company's board of directors today elected Donald G. Southwell as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Southwell will retain the office of President and relinquish his title as Chief Operating Officer. Richard C. Vie, who stepped down as CEO, will continue to serve the Company as executive Chairman.

Mr. Southwell, 55, has been Unitrin's President and Chief Operating Officer and a director since February 2002, prior to which he served in a variety of senior operating roles, including head of the company's insurance operations. Before joining Unitrin in March 1996, Mr. Southwell spent 22 years with the Prudential Insurance Company of America organization, where he held a number of senior executive positions, including President of Prudential Insurance and Financial Services.

Mr. Vie, 68, will continue to serve Unitrin in the office of Chairman and as a key advisor on strategic matters. Mr. Vie joined Unitrin's predecessor company, Teledyne, Inc., in 1983 as president of its largest life insurance operation. When Unitrin was spun off from Teledyne in 1990, he became a Senior Vice President of Unitrin and was named President and CEO in 1992. Mr. Vie has been Unitrin's Chairman since January 1999.

Unitrin is a \$3 billion financial services company focused on creating shareholder value by providing a diverse array of insurance and consumer finance products and services for individuals, families and small businesses.

Among the brands in Unitrin's Property and Casualty Insurance businesses are Unitrin Kemper Auto and Home, Unitrin Specialty and Unitrin Business Insurance, which sell personal and commercial insurance through a network of independent agents, and Unitrin Direct, which sells auto insurance directly to consumers. Unitrin's Life and Health Insurance businesses bring a high level of personalized service to their customers. Unitrin's consumer finance subsidiary, Fireside Bank, specializes in automobile loans for the purchase of pre-owned vehicles. Additional information about Unitrin is available by visiting its website (www.unitrin.com).

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