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FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP													
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 Name and Address of Reporting Person(s) Stolzer, Leo William 529 Houston Manhattan, KS 66502 Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (CBSH) I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) 													
								 Statement for Month/Day, 4/30/2003 	Year				
								5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/03					
 Relationship of Reportin [X] Director [] Officer (give title 	[] 10% Own	ner		cable)									
7. Individual or Joint/Grou [X] Form filed by One Re [] Form filed by More t	eporting Person		ne)										
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		Day/Year) 	Code V	Amount	D Price								
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1)Title of Derivative Security	2)Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3)Trans- action Date	4)Tı acti	rans- 5)Num ion Secur	ber of Derivative ities Acquired (A) sposed of (D)								

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Table II (PART 2) Derivat	ive Securities	Acquired, Disposed of,	, or Beneficially Owned	(Columns 1
1)Title of Derivative 3)Trans- Security action Date		7)Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or		8)Price of Deri- vative Security
		Title	Number of Shares	

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /S/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Leo William Stolzer

DATE 05/02/03