

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 STORY JERYL W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
 [SBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

 (Street)

 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/13/2006
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/13/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	6,925 A \$ 5.44	61,667	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2006		G	1,000 D 60.667	60,667	D	
Common Stock					71	I	Joint with Wife
Common Stock					8,274.38	I	by ESOP

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.44	12/13/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	6,925	⁽³⁾ 06/05/2007	Common Stock	6,925	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.51					⁽⁴⁾ 08/31/2010	Common Stock	31,500	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.97					⁽⁵⁾ 06/10/2009	Common Stock	22,100	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.18					⁽⁶⁾ 10/15/2008	Common Stock	4,140	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.51					⁽⁷⁾ 08/31/2010	Common Stock	3,610	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.97					⁽⁸⁾ 06/10/2009	Common Stock	650	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STORY JERYL W			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Jeryl Story

12/13/2006

**Signature of
Reporting 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).
- (1) Mr. Story exercised 6,925 option shares and plans to hold on 12-13-06 issued 6-5-97, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Bloomberg closed at \$24.99 per share of SBSI on 12-13-06.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (6) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (7) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (8) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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