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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Crecca Michelle M			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	^g 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP [WBS]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/21/2008	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Origina Filed(Month/Day/Year)
C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP, 145 BANK STREET				(Check all applicable)			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
(Street) WATERBURY, CT 06702			Director 10% Owner XOfficer Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP-Consumer Lending		r ow)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I -	Non-Deriva	tive Securiti	ies Ber	neficially Owned
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount Beneficially (Instr. 4)	of Securities v Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nati Owner (Instr.	1
Common Sto	ock		4,788		D	Â	
Common Stock			165	165		401(k) plan	
Reminder: Repo owned directly o	-	ate line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	cially S	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option	12/19/2007 <u>(1)</u>	12/19/2016	Common Stock	4,877	\$ 48.88	D	Â
Stock Option	12/18/2008(1)	12/18/2017	Common Stock	8,032	\$ 32.03	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Crecca Michelle M C/O WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORP 145 BANK STREET WATERBURY, CT 06702	Â	Â	EVP-Consumer Lending	Â		
Signatures						
Renee P. Seefried by Power of Attorney	07/22/2	2008				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date	•				

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) 4 yr. incremental vesting - 25% vests each year for 4 years.

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