JAMES THOMAS A

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JAMES THOMAS A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC [RJF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 880 CARILLO	(First) ON PARKW	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/06/2004	X DirectorX 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman/CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ST. PETERSE	BURG, FL 3	3716	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	10/06/2004		G	V	4,100	D	\$0	8,955,359	D		
Common Stock								702,612	I	ESOP	
Common Stock								32,058	I	Spouse	
Common Stock								377,262	I	Helen W. James Trust	
Common Stock								5,044,020	I	Robert A. James Trust	

Common Stock 169,759 I Grandchildrens Trust (1)

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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	7. Title Amour Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
JAMES THOMAS A								
880 CARILLON PARKWAY	X	X	Chairman/CEO					
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716								

Signatures

Thomas A.

James

**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) Pursuant to Rule16a-1(2), Mr. James disclaims any benefical interest in the Trust or these shares. The trust acts independently of Mr. James.

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