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DAVIS JAMES R Symbol			SOUTH BANCORP INC				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			/Day/Year)				X Director Officer (give below)	ctor 10% Owner cer (give title Other (specify below)		
			endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
LAFAYETTE, LA 70501					More than One Reporting					
(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Aco	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	y (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			SecuritiesIBeneficially0OwnedI	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/06/2012		A	803	A	\$ 14.9 (1)	43,388	I	Def Comp	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		А	0	А	\$0	36,371	D		

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and int of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne 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			
DAVIS JAMES R 102 VERSAILLES BLVD LAFAYETTE, LA 70501	Х						
Signatures							
Shaleen B. Pellerin, Attorney in Fact	12/07/2012						
<u>**</u> 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) Stock purchased with cash dividends accrued in 2012 for Directors Deferred Compensation Trust.

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