

GILLILAND THOMAS C
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FORM 4

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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 *
 GILLILAND THOMAS C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS
 INC [UCBI]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 PO BOX 398
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/26/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 (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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/26/2006		A	2,000 (1) A \$ 0	88,860	D	
Common Stock					19,088.786	I	By 401k
Common Stock					10,225	I	Cust FBO Thomas C. Gilliland, Jr. (Son)
Common Stock					10,225	I	Cust FBO Jason W. Gilliland

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- (1) 2006 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on the anniversary date of May 31, beginning in the Year 2007.
- (2) Includes 415,556 shares owned by Mr. Gilliland's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.
- (3) 2006 Stock Option Grants vest over four consecutive years at 25% on each anniversary date.

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