

Stephens Jeffrey Russell
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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 *
 Stephens Jeffrey Russell

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SECURITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL CORP [SNFCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 38 NORTHRIDGE WAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Gen Counsel and Corp Secretary

SANDY, UT 84092

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (D) Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | | | S | 14,825 \$ 9.01 | D | |
| | | | | | 664 ⁽¹⁾ | | 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)

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| 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 (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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.56 ⁽²⁾ | 04/13/2012 | | A | 2,500 ⁽²⁾ | 07/13/2012 ⁽²⁾ 04/13/2022 | Class A Common Stock 2,500 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stephens Jeffrey Russell 38 NORTHRIDGE WAY SANDY, UT 84092 | | | Gen Counsel and Corp Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey Russell
Stephens

01/30/2013

**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) Does not include 42,226 shares of Class A Common Stock owned directly by the reporting person in the 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan.
This option was granted on April 13, 2012 as an option for 5,000 shares of Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$1.56 per share. This option vests in four equal quarterly installments of Class A Common Stock, beginning on July 13, 2012, until such shares are fully vested. On December 4, 2012, the reporting person exercised this option to purchase 2,500 shares of Class A Common Stock at \$1.56 per share, representing the stock option rights that had vested as of the exercise date.
- (2) This option was granted on April 13, 2012 as an option for 5,000 shares of Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$1.56 per share. This option vests in four equal quarterly installments of Class A Common Stock, beginning on July 13, 2012, until such shares are fully vested. On December 4, 2012, the reporting person exercised this option to purchase 2,500 shares of Class A Common Stock at \$1.56 per share, representing the stock option rights that had vested as of the exercise date.

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