#### SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

January 19, 2017

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Ledbetter Barry K

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL 01/17/2017

**EVP & Chief Banking Officer** 

CORP., 501 MAIN STREET

(Middle)

(Zin)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

(City)	(State)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
SFNC	01/17/2017		A	1,779	A	\$ 58.5	15,438	D	
SFNC	01/17/2017		F	704	D	\$ 58.5	14,734	D	
SFNC							5,106	D	
SFNC							9,209 (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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	01/17/2017		A	1,332	(3)	(3)	Common	1,332
Performance Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	01/17/2017		A	2,664	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common	2,664

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ledbetter Barry K			EVP &			
C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP.			Chief			
501 MAIN STREET			Banking			
PINE BLUFF, AR 71601			Officer			

## **Signatures**

/s/ Barry K. Ledbetter by Piper P. 01/19/2017 Erwin

\*\*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) Employee Stock Ownership Plan merged into 401K Plan.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
- (3) One third of the Restricted Stock Unit vests on January 17, 2018, 2019 and 2020. SFNC shares will be delivered within 30 days of vesting. Events such as retirement, death, disability and other specified events in the agreement may result in earlier vesting.
- (4) Each Performance Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
- (5) The shares listed are the maximum number of shares which may vest under this grant. Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for the performance period

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ending December 31, 2019, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.

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