

KELLEY FERDINAND T  
 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 \*  
 KELLEY FERDINAND T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INDEPENDENT BANK CORP  
 [INDB]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

C/O INDEPENDENT BANK  
 CORP, 288 UNION STREET  
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ROCKLAND, MA 02370

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock				(A)	2,148.895 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock				(A)	122.1827 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock				(A)	7,316	I	by Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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. Transaction 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.895	12/15/2005		A	12,000	12/15/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/14/2012			Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.18					12/15/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/09/2014			Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELLEY FERDINAND T C/O INDEPENDENT BANK CORP 288 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MA 02370			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Linda M. Campion, Power of Attorney for Ferdinand T. Kelley  
 \*\*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) Total holdings include 59,8135 shares received pursuant to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Such transactions are exempt from the reporting requirements of Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Shares held jt. w/spouse and include 1,3354 shares received pursuant to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Such transactions are exempt from the reporting requirements of Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Shares held i/n/o Ferdinand T. Kelley Rev Living Trust on which Filer is a Trustee and Spouse is a Beneficiary.
- (4) Non-Qualified Stock Options granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Plan. The Options granted on 12/15/05 vest immediately and will expire on December 14, 2012, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Stock Option Agreement.

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- (5) 3,043 options formerly reported as ISO's under the 12/9/04 grant have converted to NQO's due to an acceleration of vesting schedule for all options granted that date. All options granted on 12/9/04 have now immediately fully vested as of 12/15/05.

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