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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Houston Da	nniel Joseph		Symbol PRINC INC [P:	IPAL FI FG]	NA	ANCIAL	GR		Issuer (Chec	k all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
711 HIGH	STREET		01/05/2	018					Chairmai	n, President & C	CEO
	(Street)		4. If Amo	endment, I	Date	Original			6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Filin	g(Check
			Filed(Mo	nth/Day/Ye	ar)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by (1 0	
DES MOIN	IES, IA 50392								Person	Iore than One Re	porung
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	-De	rivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tion(4. Securiti (A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	posed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/05/2018			M(1)		69,894	A	\$ 30.7	232,556 (2)	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2018			S <u>(1)</u>	(69,894	D	\$ 72.01 (3)	162,662 (2)	D	
Common Stock									3,074	I	By 401(k) Plan

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
F 1				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 30.7	01/05/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	69,894	- 02/25/2016	02/25/2023	Common Stock	69,894	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Houston Daniel Joseph 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	X		Chairman, President & CEO					

Signatures

Buy)

Clint Woods, by Power of 01/08/2018

**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) Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 13, 2017.
- (2) Includes 3,280 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$72.00 - \$72.03, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Principal Financial Group, Inc., any security holder of Principal Financial Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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