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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Casteel Marty Issuer Symbol SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL (Check all applicable) CORP [SFNC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title __ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL 01/18/2018 **SEVP** CORP, 501 MAIN STREET

(Street)

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

| (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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| SFNC | 01/18/2018 | | A | 2,477 | A | \$ 58.25 | 48,689 | D | | |
| SFNC | 01/18/2018 | | F | 1,099 | D | \$ 58.25 | 47,590 | D | | |
| SFNC | | | | | | | 4,128 | D | | |
| SFNC | | | | | | | 2,288 | D | | |
| SFNC | | | | | | | 11,217 | 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 conf 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 | (1) | 01/18/2018 | | A | 2,522 | (2) | (2) | Common | 2,522 |
| Performance Stock Unit | <u>(3)</u> | 01/18/2018 | | A | 5,044 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common | 5,044 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Casteel Marty

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP

501 MAIN STREET SEVP

PINE BLUFF, AR 71601

Signatures

/s/ Marty Casteel by Danielle
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01/22/2018

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.
- 832 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2019; 832 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2020 and 858 Restricted Stock Units vest on January 18, 2021. 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.
- (3) Each Performance Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Simmons First National Corporation common stock.

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The shares listed are the maximum number of shares which may vest under this grant. Vesting will occur subsequent to the attainment of (4) performance goals set and verified by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors for the performance period ending December 31, 2020, contingent upon the reporting person's continued employment with the registrant.

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