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per share

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad SIRMON GA	ddress of Reporting F ARY	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANNER CORP [BANR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 10 SOUTH 1		(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2016			_X_ Director		% Owner	
WALLA WA	(Street) ALLA, WA 9936	Filed(Mon	ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	_			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	Joint/Group Filing y One Reporting Porting Porting Portion One Reporting Portion	erson
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securit	ies Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquirec Disposec (Instr. 3,	(A) or (A) or)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	04/29/2016		A	1,115	A	<u>(1)</u>	39,400 (2)	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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
SIRMON GARY 10 SOUTH FIRST AVE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362	X						

Signatures

/s/Gary Sirmon 05/03/2016

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares fully vest on April 25, 2017. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting.
- (2) Includes direct ownership of 2,643 shares through IRA.

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