

CARPENTER HAROLD R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CARPENTER HAROLD R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC [PNFP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
150 THIRD AVE SOUTH, SUITE 900  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/18/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CFO

NASHVILLE, TN 37201

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
PNFP Common Stock	01/20/2012		M	12,000	A	\$ 16.12	81,014	D
PNFP Common Stock	01/20/2012		S	3,589	D	\$ 16.67 <u>(1)</u>	77,425	D
PNFP Common Stock	01/18/2012		F	89	D	\$ 16	77,336	D
PNFP Common Stock	01/20/2012		F	243	D	\$	77,093	D

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Common Stock						16.12		
PNFP Common Stock	01/20/2012		F	2,447	D	\$ 16.93	74,646	D
PNFP Common Stock							21,000	I IRA
PNFP Common Stock							8,184	I 401(k)

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.96	01/20/2012		M	12,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/01/2012	PNFP Common Stock 12,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARPENTER HAROLD R 150 THIRD AVE SOUTH SUITE 900 NASHVILLE, TN 37201			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Harold R.  
Carpenter

01/24/2012

\_\_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).

The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.67 to \$16.70.

- (1) The reporting person undertakes to provide to Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc., any security holder of Pinnacle Financial Partners, 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 the footnote to this Form 4.
- (2) The options vested in annual 20% increments over a period of 5 years beginning on the first anniversary of the issue date (February 1, 2002). Options were fully vested on February 1, 2007.

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