

ABERNATHY MARK A
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ABERNATHY MARK A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP
[CADE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

P. O. BOX 1187

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

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 (A) or Price (D) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock | 01/28/2010 | 01/28/2010 | J | 0.15 D | \$ 0 14,999.85 | I | By IRA |
| Cadence Financial Corporation | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â 4,725 | I | By Wife-Investment Trust |

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Common
Stock

Cadence
Financial
Corporation
Common
Stock

01/28/2010 01/28/2010 J 4.0543 A \$ 0 797.84 I

By Employee
Benefit Plan

Cadence
Financial
Corporation
Common
Stock

01/28/2010 01/28/2010 J 36.5747 D \$ 0 12,839.24 I

By Employee
401K Plan

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 20.75 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 06/13/2002 06/12/2011 | common stock 13,333 |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 24.11 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 06/13/2003 06/12/2012 | common stock 13,333 |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 25.2 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 05/01/2005 04/30/2014 | common stock ⁽¹⁾ 13,333 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ABERNATHY MARK A P. O. BOX 1187 STARKVILLE, MS 39760 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signatures

Mark Abernathy 02/11/2011

__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) All options are vested.

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