

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 ANTHONY RICHARD E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
 [SNV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 P. O. BOX 120  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/31/2006

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

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

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		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
common stock	12/06/2005		G	V	3,590	D	\$ 0 647,222	D	
common stock	01/31/2006		A		32,536	A	\$ 0 680,214	D	
common stock							69,061	I	By Spouse
common stock							120,550	I	Anthony Family Partnership
common stock							163	I	Held in Spouse IRA

common stock	1,410	I	Account Held in IRA Account
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 27.67	01/31/2006		A	97,608	<u>(1)</u> 01/30/2016	common stock	97,608

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ANTHONY RICHARD E P. O. BOX 120 COLUMBUS, GA 31902	X		CEO and President	

## Signatures

Garilou Page,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/01/2006

\*\*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) The option vests in three annual equal installments beginning 1/31/2007.

**Remarks:**

Note that the total number of non-derivative securities directly held includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment and

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