

RASSIEUR BENJAMIN F III
 Form 4
 January 03, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
 Rassieur, III, Benjamin F.
 10450 White Bridge Lane
 St. Louis, MO 63141-8416
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (CBSH)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
 12/31/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A or D Price
Common Stock	12/31/02	A	431	A (1)

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code Code V	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A D
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Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

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1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Transaction Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security
-		Title	Amount or Number of Shares

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen
For: Benjamin F. Rassieur III

DATE 12/31/02