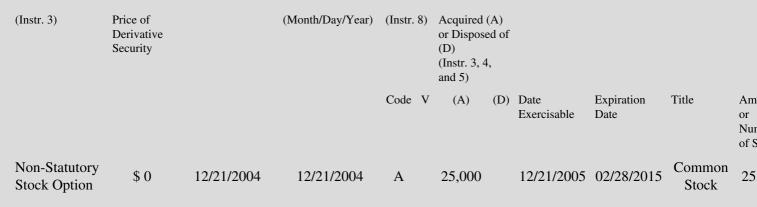
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| Form 5 obligation may contin <i>See</i> Instruct 1(b). | s Section 17(| response 0.5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | | |
| (Print or Type R | esponses) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> STANLEY HEIDI B | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
| | | | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004 | | | Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive Vice President Sterl | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | 1 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| SPOKANE, WA 99201- | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | la I. Nam I | Danimatina | G | | of on Donofisio | ller Orana d | |
| 1.Title of 2 | 2. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year) | - | ed Date, if | 3. | 4. Securiti nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | es (A) or of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect | |
| Reminder: Repo | ort on a separate line | for each cl | ass of sec | Code V | | (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amou |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orDerivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Secur |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| STANLEY HEIDI B 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201- | | | Executive Vice President Sterl | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |

William R. 12/23/2004 Basom **Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). *

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