

VANNUCCI ROBERT A
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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 *
 VANNUCCI ROBERT A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11016 ARBOR PINE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/28/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President Riviera Operating

LAS VEGAS, NV 89144

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Riviera Common Stock, par value .001 per share	12/28/2005		S		10,000	D	\$ 15.65
							446,616
Riviera Common Stock, par value .001 per share	12/28/2005		S		3,000	D	\$ 15.75
							443,616
Riviera Common	12/28/2005		S		3,000	D	\$ 15.95
							440,616

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Stock, par value .001 per share

Riviera Common Stock, par value .001 per share

12/28/2005 S 3,000 D \$ 16.15 437,616 D

Riviera Common Stock, par value .001 per share

12/28/2005 S 4,000 D \$ 16.35 433,616 D

Riviera Common Stock, par value .001 per share

12/28/2005 S 4,000 D \$ 16.55 429,616 D

Riviera Common Stock, par value .001 per share

12/28/2005 S 4,000 D \$ 16.75 425,616 D

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VANNUCCI ROBERT A 11016 ARBOR PINE LAS VEGAS, NV 89144			President Riviera Operating	

Signatures

Robert A.
Vannucci

12/28/2005

__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).

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