

CHRISTON LESLIE J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CHRISTON LESLIE J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS INC [SHLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/22/2005

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

C/O SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC., 16313 N. DALE MABRY HWY, STE 100

(Street)

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

TAMPA, FL 33618

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)**

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Share
Stock Option to purchase Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	\$ 0.76	06/13/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/22/2005	A		450,000		12/31/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/13/2012	Common Stock	450,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTON LESLIE J C/O SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC. 16313 N. DALE MABRY HWY, STE 100 TAMPA, FL 33618	X		CEO, President	

## Signatures

Leslie J. Christon 06/23/2005

\*\*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).

(1) Option award was provisional upon the approval by shareholders of a proposal to increase the number of shares authorized under the 2002 Employee Incentive Plan. The proposal was approved at the annual meeting of shareholders on 6/22/2005.

(2) Options vest 1/3 on 12/31/2005, 06/13/2007 and 06/13/2008.

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