

ABERNATHY MARK A  
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 \*  
ABERNATHY MARK A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP  
[CADE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2011

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

P. O. BOX 1187

(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

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

(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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price		
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	01/28/2010	01/28/2010	J	V	0.15	D	\$ 0	14,999.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S		900	D	\$ 2.49	14,099.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial								4,725	I	By Wife-Investment

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Corporation Common Stock									Trust
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock						797.84		I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock						12,839.24		I	By Employee 401K Plan
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S	600	D	\$ 2.49	13,499.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S	500	D	\$ 2.49	12,999.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S	12	D	\$ 2.49	12,987.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S	5,000	D	\$ 2.49	7,987.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S	1,000	D	\$ 2.49	6,987.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S	500	D	\$ 2.49	6,487.85	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation	02/28/2011	02/28/2011	S	700	D	\$ 2.49	5,787.85	I	By IRA

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Common  
Stock

Cadence  
Financial  
Corporation  
Common  
Stock

02/28/2011 02/28/2011 S 1,487 D \$ 2.49 4,300.85 I By IRA

Cadence  
Financial  
Corporation  
Common  
Stock

02/28/2011 02/28/2011 S 1,000 D \$ 2.49 3,300.85 I By IRA

Cadence  
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02/28/2011 02/28/2011 S 500 D \$ 2.49 2,800.85 I By IRA

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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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P. Deriv. Secur. (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(A) or  
Disposed  
of (D)  
(Instr. 3,  
4, and 5)

			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 20.75						06/13/2002	06/12/2011	common stock	13,333
Right to Buy										
Employee Stock Option	\$ 24.11						06/13/2003	06/12/2012	common stock	13,333
Right to Buy										
Employee Stock Option	\$ 25.2						05/01/2005	04/30/2014	common stock <u>(1)</u>	13,333
Right to Buy										

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABERNATHY MARK A P. O. BOX 1187 STARKVILLE, MS 39760		X		

## Signatures

Mark Abernathy                      02/28/2011  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) All options are vested.

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