

Nardelli Vito
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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 *
 Nardelli Vito

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 975 HOOPER AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2010

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 E.V.P., OceanFirst Bank

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2010 | | A | 1,815 A \$ 0 | 19,329 | D <u>(1)</u> | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,835 | I | By 401(k) <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,865 | I | By ESOP <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 969 | I | By Matching ESOP <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> |

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) | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10 | 02/17/2010 | | A | 29,770 | | | 02/17/2011 | 02/17/2020 | Common Stock | 29,770 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.38 | | | | | | | 05/28/2005 | 05/28/2014 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.07 | | | | | | | 01/19/2006 | 01/19/2015 | Common Stock | 780 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.795 | | | | | | | 04/20/2006 | 04/20/2015 | Common Stock | 866 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.475 | | | | | | | 02/15/2007 | 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.17 | | | | | | | 02/21/2008 | 02/21/2017 | Common Stock | 20,250 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.81 | | | | | | | 02/20/2009 | 02/20/2018 | Common Stock | 21,263 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nardelli Vito 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754 | | | | E.V.P., OceanFirst Bank |

Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney 02/18/2010

__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) Restricted shares awarded on February 17, 2010 under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2011.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Represents shares acquired under the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan established as part of a spin-off from the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 27, 2006.
- (4) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2011.

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