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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Report Person <u>*</u> REEDER JOE	Statement (Month/Day/		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]				
(Last) (First) (N	Middle) 01/01/2018	01/01/2018		o of Reporting suer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE (Street)		(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting		
OLNEY, MD 20832						Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	lon-Derivati	ve Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	-	
Common Stock		55,766		D (1)	Â		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships				
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
01/1	1/2018			
	Date			
	ÂX	Director 10% Owner X Â 01/11/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer X Â 01/11/2018	

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Acquired pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 15, 2017, by and among Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. ("Sandy Spring"), WashingtonFirst Bankshares, Inc. ("WashingtonFirst") and Touchdown Acquisition, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sandy Spring ("Merger Sub"). Merger Sub merged (the "First-Step Merger") with and into WashingtonFirst, with WashingtonFirst continuing as

(1) the surviving entity and immediately thereafter, WashingtonFirst merged with and into Sandy Spring, with Sandy Spring continuing as the surviving entity. At the effective time of the First-Step Merger (the "Effective Time"), each share of WashingtonFirst common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to such time was converted into the right to receive 0.8713 shares of Sandy Spring common stock.

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