

BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M			(Month/Day/Year)	POPULAR INC [BPOP]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/26/2010		
P.O. BOX 364548			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
SAN JUAN,Â PRÂ 00936-4548			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			(give title below)		(specify below)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	28,638	D	Â
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	5,000	I	By wife
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	4,657	I	By daughter
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	4,647	I	By daughter
Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share	2,733	I	By son

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

