

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC
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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 *
HELCK CHESTER B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC [RJF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
880 CARILLON PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2004

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

ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/16/2004		G	V 1,353 (1) D	\$ 0 48,360	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2004		G	V 1,353 (1) A	\$ 0 1,353	I	Spouse
Common Stock					4,155	I	ESOP

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.75					11/18/2002 01/18/2005	Common Stock	7,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.33					11/28/2004 ⁽²⁾ 01/28/2007	Common Stock	9,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.03					12/10/2005 ⁽³⁾ 02/10/2008	Common Stock	66,094
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.03					12/10/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/10/2008	Common Stock	8,905
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.2					12/04/2006 02/04/2009	Common Stock	4,800
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.2					01/04/2008 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/04/2009	Common Stock	7,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELCK CHESTER B 880 CARILLON PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716	X		Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

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__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) Gift to spouse
- (2) Options currently exercisable - 3,720, Options Becoming exercisable - 3,480 on 11/28/2005 and 1,800 on 11/28/2006
- (3) Options Becoming exercisable - 43,776 on 12/10/2005, 12,072 on 12/10/2006 and 10,246 on 12/10/2007
- (4) Options Becoming exercisable - 1,224 on 12/10/2005, 2,928 on 12/10/2006 and 4,753 on 12/10/2007
- (5) Options Becoming exercisable - 3,600 on 1/4/2008, and 3,600 on 1/4/2009

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