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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(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	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	INC [RJF]			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
880 CARILLON PARKWAY	02/08/2008	below) below) Chief Operating Officer		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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	,	Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	erivative Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (I (Instr. 8)	A. Securities Actor Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D)	(D)	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	02/08/2008		M 7	7,130 A	\$ 14.0222	221,710	D	
Common Stock						7,443 (1)	I	ESOP
Common Stock						6,491	I	Spouse

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. Transa Code (Instr.		Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	or osed of :. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.0222	02/08/2008		M			7,130	12/10/2005	02/10/2008	Common Stock	7,130
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.8							12/04/2006	02/04/2009	Common Stock	7,200
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.8							01/04/2008	02/04/2009	Common Stock	10,800
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9733							12/01/2008	02/01/2012	Common Stock	15,000 (3)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.44							11/27/2010	01/27/2014	Common Stock	15,000 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

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HELCK CHESTER B 880 CARILLON PARKWAY X Chief Operating Officer ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716

Signatures

Chet B. Helck 02/11/2008

**Signature of Person 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) Includes number of shares acquired under ESOP through 02/08/2008
- (2) Options Becoming exercisable 5,400 on 1/4/2009
- (3) Options Becoming exercisable 3,750 on 12/01/2008, 3,750 on 12/01/2009 and 3,750 on 12/1/2010 and 3,750 pm 2/01/2011
- (4) Options Becoming exercisable 9,000 on 11/27/2010, 208 on 11/27/2011, 2,792 on 1/27/2012 and 3,000 on 1/27/2013

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