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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ZANK DENNIS W** Issuer Symbol RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) INC [RJF] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 880 CARILLON PARKWAY 09/02/2008 President of RJA (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secu | rities Acquii | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4) | ed of | Price | 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 | 09/02/2008 | | S | 41,713 | D | \$ 31.1009 (1) | 217,268 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/02/2008 | | S | 11,300 | D | \$ 31.5298 (2) | 205,968 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 44,266 (3) | I | ESOP |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. F Der Sec (Ins |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Common Stock | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 12/04/2006 | 02/04/2009 | Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 7,200 | |
| Common Stock | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 01/04/2008 | 02/04/2009 | Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 10,800 | |
| Common Stock | \$ 24.9733 | | | | | 12/01/2008 | 02/01/2012 | Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 15,000 | |
| Common Stock | \$ 30.44 | | | | | 11/27/2010 | 01/27/2013 | Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 15,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| ZANK DENNIS W 880 CARILLON PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716 | | | President of RJA | | | | |

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Dennis Zank 09/03/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades. 41,713 shares were executed at prices ranging from \$30.49 to \$31.48. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades. 11,300 shares were executed at prices ranging from \$31.49 to \$31.61. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- (3) Includes number of shares acquired under ESOP through 09/02/2008.
- (4) Options Currently Exercisable 5,400, Options Becoming Exercisable -5,400 on 1/04/2009.
- (5) Options Becoming Exercisable 3,750 on 12/01/2008, 3,750 on 12/01/2009, 3,750 on 12/01/2010, and 3,750 on 2/01/2011.
- (6) Options Becoming Exercisable 9,000 on 11/27/2010, 208 on 11/27/2011, 2,792 on 11/27/2012 and 3,000 on 11/27/2013.

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