

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 ODO NOVAN JAMES J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC [NYB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2004

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

615 MERRICK AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WESTBURY, NY 11590

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock					651,346	D	(1)
Common Stock					84,749	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					5,318	I	By Custodian For Grandson
Common Stock					248,007	I	By ESOP (2)
					143,200	I	By SERP

Common  
Stock

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. 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.5025					12/21/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/21/2011	Common Stock	177,777
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.4125					07/24/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/24/2012	Common Stock	533,512
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.845					07/24/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 07/24/2012	Common Stock	266,667
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.0575					01/21/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> 01/21/2013	Common Stock	373,333

## Reporting Owners

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

ODONOVAN JAMES J  
615 MERRICK AVENUE  
WESTBURY, NY 11590

## Signatures

By: /s/ Ilene A. Angarola, Power of  
Attorney

03/23/2005

\_\_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) Of the shares held directly, 40,370 are held jointly with Mr. O'Donovan's wife and 1,345 are held jointly with Mr. O'Donovan's daughter.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from an exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on December 21, 2002.
- (4) Options automatically granted pursuant to the reload feature of the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan that were exercisable on July 24, 2002.
- (5) Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on July 24, 2003.
- (6) Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 21, 2004.

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