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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STORY JERYL W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2005			Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President					
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chapter Spiled(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					rson			
(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution		3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (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	08/17/2005			M(1)	8,500	A	\$ 4.61	40,818	D		
Common Stock	08/17/2005			S(1)	8,500	D	\$ 19.79 (1)	32,318	D		
Common Stock								67	I	Joint with Wife	
Common Stock								7,701.46	I	by 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)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.61	08/17/2005		M <u>(1)</u>		8,500	(2)	02/07/2006	Common Stock	8,50
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.71						(3)	06/05/2007	Common Stock	17,0′
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79						<u>(4)</u>	08/31/2010	Common Stock	30,0
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27						(5)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	21,04
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49						<u>(6)</u>	10/15/2008	Common Stock	3,94
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79						<u>(7)</u>	08/31/2010	Common Stock	3,44
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27						<u>(8)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	64

Reporting Owners

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

2 Reporting Owners

STORY JERYL W

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Jeryl Story 08/17/2005

**Signature of 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) Mr. Story exercised 8,500 option shares in a cashless transaction on 8-17-05 issued 2-7-96, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (4) Options vest 20% per year and currently 60% are fully exercisable.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (6) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (7) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (8) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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