Carlton William Franklin Form 4 December 30, 2009

FORM 4

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 I Carlton William Fran		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
		AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/ [ANAT]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) ONE MOODY PLA	, ,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2009	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Vice President, Controller		
(Street	;)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
GALVESTON, TX 7	77550		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, 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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (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	12/29/2009		M	100	A	\$ 88	0	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2009		D	100	D	\$ 119.73	0	D	

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisab Date (Month/Day/Year	•	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secur
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nui of Sha
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 88	12/29/2009	M	100	08/01/2003(1)	08/01/2012(2)	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Carlton William Franklin ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550

Vice President, Controller

Signatures

/s/ William F.

Carlton 12/30/2009

**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) SARs become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.
- SARs expire five years from the date they become exercisable. The date shown represents the expiration date of the final installment of SARs to become exercisable.

Remarks:

This Form 4 reflects a cash settlement of stock appreciation rights. The Reporting Person exercised 100 stock appreciation rights an exercise price of \$88.00.

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