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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading TARDIFF JAMES G Issuer Symbol UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV (Check all applicable) [UBSI] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 514 MARKET STREET 12/16/2004 (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 PARKERSBURG, WV 26101 Person

(City)	(State)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Ac	quired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionr Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 3	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
						Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
				(4)		Reported	(I)	
				(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/16/2004		S	18,297 D	\$ 38.1358	52,058	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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monun Day/ Year)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
TARDIFF JAMES G 514 MARKET STREET	X						
PARKERSBURG, WV 26101							

Signatures

/s/ TARDIFF,
JAMES G

**Signature of Reporting 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).

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