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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JONES D MICHAEL

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

BANNER CORP [BANR]

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

04/29/2016

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

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

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

below)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

per share

(City)

Stock, \$.01 04/29/2016 par value

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JONES D MICHAEL 10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362	X						

Signatures

/s/ D. Michael Jones 05/03/2016 **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).
- Represents award of restricted stock pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares fully vest on April 25, 2017. These shares are **(1)** subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.
- Includes direct ownership of 424 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 595 shares through an IRA. Also includes direct **(2)** ownership of 1,631 shares through a self-employment trust and indirect ownership of 142 shares as custodian for minors.

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