WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

February 01, 2016

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **CRANE TIMOTHY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]

Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH

FLOOR (Street)

(State)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/28/2016

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

(City)	(State)	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)	Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code v				
Common	01/28/2016		A	1,352 A \$0	15,189	D	
Stock	01/20/2010		4.1	1,332 A (1)	13,10)	D	
Common					831	Ţ	By ESPP
Stock					0.51	1	Dy Lori

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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)	5. Number out 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 40.87	01/28/2016		A	8,046	(2)	01/28/2023	Common Stock	8,04

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CRANE TIMOTHY 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

/s/David A. Dykstra, Attorney-in-fact

02/01/2016

**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) Represents stock awarded upon attainment of performance objectives under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program.
- (2) Option shares granted in conjunction with award under the Company's Long Term Incentive Program. Option shares vest at a rate of one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

Remarks:

EXHIBIT LIST:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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