

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LaGreca Carl

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERIDIAN INTERSTATE
BANCORP INC [EBSB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10 MERIDIAN STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2012

_____X_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
 below) below)

EAST BOSTON, MA 02128

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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	12/21/2012		M	<div> <div>(A)</div> <div>V</div> <div>Amount</div> <div>2,000</div> <div>or (D)</div> <div>A</div> <div>Price</div> <div>\$ 8.99</div> </div>	8,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Common Stock	1,000	I	children under UTMA
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (I
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 8.99	12/21/2012		M	2,000	10/27/2010	10/27/2019	Common Stock	2,000 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LaGreca Carl 10 MERIDIAN STREET EAST BOSTON, MA 02128	X

Signatures

/s/ Edward A. Quint, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 12/21/2012

__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) Includes shares of restricted stock that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

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