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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sartori James G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE **BANCORP INC [EBSB]**

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

01/25/2013

10 MERIDIAN STREET

(Zin)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

EAST BOSTON, MA 02128

(City)

(City)	(State) (Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Securities Form Beneficially (D) Owned Indi	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/25/2013		P	300	A	\$ 17.33	8,800	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		P	100	A	\$ 17.35	2,600	I	By Spouse's IRA
Common Sotck	01/25/2013		P	100	A	\$ 17.35	3,800	I	By IRA

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Number Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S ()
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 8.99					10/27/2010	10/27/2019	Common Stock	10,000 (1)	
Stock Options	\$ 9.5					10/13/2009	10/13/2018	Common Stock	25,000 (2)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other			
Sartori James G						
10 MERIDIAN STREET	X					
EAST BOSTON, MA 02128						

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence Spaccasi, pursuant to power of attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

01/25/2013 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) Stock options 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 13, 2009.

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