

MALLORY LEWIS F JR
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FORM 5

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MALLORY LEWIS F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP
 [CADE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 01/20/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board and CEO

P. O. BOX 1187
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Amount | Price | | |
| Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock | 01/20/2009 | 01/20/2009 | J | 4,356.252 A | \$ 0 69,227.146 | I | By Employee Benefit Plan |
| Cadence Financial Corporation Common | 01/20/2009 | 01/20/2009 | J | 164.6691 A | \$ 0 3,064.07 | I | By Employee 401K Plan |

Stock

Cadence
Financial
Corporation
Common
Stock

^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ 2,853 D ^

Cadence
Financial
Corporation
Common
Stock

^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ 100,336 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)

| 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) | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 20.75 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ | 06/13/2002 | 06/12/2011 | common stock | 33,333 |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 24.11 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ | 06/13/2003 | 06/12/2012 | common stock | 33,333 |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 25.2 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ | 05/01/2005 | 04/30/2014 | common stock | 33,333 |

