Archer Kevin J Form 4 February 27, 2013

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Archer Kevin J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2013

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

Sr. VP

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP, 501 MAIN STREET

(Street)

(State)

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

PINE BLUFF, AR 71603

(City)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Ta | ble I - Non | -Derivative Seco | urities Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly 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 A on(A) or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or Amount (D) | d of (D) | 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) |
| SFNC | 02/25/2013 | | A | 555 (1) A | \$ 25.62 | 2,705 | D | |
| SFNC | | | | | | 2,407 | D | |
| SFNC | | | | | | 10 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | 05/23/2005 | 05/23/2015 | Common | 404 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | 12/31/2005 | 05/23/2015 | Common | 606 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2007 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 200 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2008 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 200 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2009 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 200 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2010 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 200 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2011 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 200 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | | X | 0 | 05/31/2008 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 220 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | | X | 0 | 05/31/2009 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 220 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | | X | 0 | 05/31/2010 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 220 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | | X | 0 | 05/31/2011 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 220 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | | X | 0 | 05/31/2012 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 220 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | | X | 0 | 05/29/2009 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 126 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | | X | 0 | 05/29/2010 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 126 |

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| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2011 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 126 |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|---|---|------------|------------|--------|-----|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2012 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 126 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2013 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 126 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| F 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Archer Kevin J | | | | | | | |
| SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP | | | Sr. VP | | | | |
| 501 MAIN STREET | | | Sr. VP | | | | |
| PINE BLUFE AR 71603 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Kevin J. Archer by Piper P.
Erwin 02/27/2013

**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) Shares will vest evenly over the next five years.

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