

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DEMPSEY WILLIAM M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/21/2007

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

3003 GULFSHORE BLVD.,  
NORTH, APT. #202

(Street)

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

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

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

NAPLES, FL 34103

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount or Price                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2007                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 5,274 A \$ 15.6563                                                                            | 9,131.492 (1)                                            | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2007                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 374 D \$ 20.61                                                                                | 8,757.492                                                | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2007                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 800 D \$ 20.5                                                                                 | 7,957.492                                                | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2007                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 100 D \$ 20.57                                                                                | 7,857.492                                                | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2007                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 100 D \$ 20.6                                                                                 | 7,757.492                                                | D                                                     |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-----------|---|
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 300   | D | \$ 20.55 | 7,457.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 20.54 | 7,257.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 20.53 | 5,657.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 100   | D | \$ 20.52 | 5,557.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 20.34 | 5,357.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 200   | D | \$ 20.3  | 5,157.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 115   | D | \$ 20.29 | 5,042.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 485   | D | \$ 20.28 | 4,557.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 100   | D | \$ 20.31 | 4,457.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 500   | D | \$ 20.27 | 3,957.492 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/21/2007 | S | 100   | D | \$ 20.26 | 3,857.492 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                            | \$ 15.6563                                             | 09/21/2007                           |                                                    | M                              | 5,274                                                                                   | 01/02/1998 01/02/2008                                    |                                                               | 5,274                         |

Stock  
Option

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DEMPSEY WILLIAM M<br>3003 GULFSHORE BLVD., NORTH<br>APT. #202<br>NAPLES, FL 34103 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney

09/24/2007

\_\_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 37.676 and 39.032 shares acquired on April 10, 2007 and July 10, 2007, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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