

BANNER CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Conner Peter

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE

(Street)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BANNER CORP [BANR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP, Banner Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 12/14/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 700   | D  | \$ 52.718 30,563 D                |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share | 12/14/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 100   | D  | \$ 52.7181 30,463 D               |
| Common Stock,                           | 12/14/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 6,800   | D  | \$ 52.7183 23,663 D               |

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|  |            |   |       |   |            |        |   |
|--|------------|---|-------|---|------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/14/2016 | S | 400   | D | \$ 52.7182 | 23,263 | D |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/15/2016 | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 53.5475 | 22,063 | D |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/15/2016 | S | 200   | D | \$ 53.55   | 21,863 | D |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/15/2016 | S | 5,500 | D | \$ 53.5523 | 16,363 | D |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 12/15/2016 | S | 100   | D | \$ 53.565  | 16,263 | 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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|      |   |                     |                    |       |  |
|------|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
|      |   |                     |                    |       | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|      |   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title |  |
| Code | V | (A)                 | (D)                |       |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Conner Peter<br>10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE<br>WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 |               |           | Executive VP, Banner Bank |       |

## Signatures

/s/Peter J.  
Conner

12/16/2016

\*\*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).

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