

FIRST RELIANCE BANCSHARES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SAUNDERS PAUL C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST RELIANCE BANCSHARES INC [FSRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/20/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

2066 WREN CREEK COURT

(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

FLORENCE, SC 29501

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 03/28/2006 | | A | 52 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 60,295 | 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)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 16.1 | 03/28/2006 | | A | 820 | 03/28/2012 ⁽²⁾ 03/28/2016 | Common Stock 820 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 5 | | | | | 08/16/2002 08/16/2009 | Common Stock 55,000 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 8 | | | | | 06/30/2005 07/13/2013 | Common Stock 50,300 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.5 | | | | | 05/10/2005 05/10/2015 | Common Stock 35,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SAUNDERS PAUL C 2066 WREN CREEK COURT FLORENCE, SC 29501 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Paul C. Saunders 04/20/2006

**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) Restricted Stock Grant on 3/28/2006 vests 33% 3/28/2007; 66% 3/28/2008; and 100% 3/28/2009
- (2) Stock Appreciation Rights grant on 3/28/2006 vest 20% on 3/28/2012; 40% on 3/28/2013; 60% on 3/28/2014; 80% on 3/28/2015; and 100% on 3/28/2016.

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