

ABERNATHY MARK A  
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 \*  
ABERNATHY MARK A

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. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/04/2011

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

P. O. BOX 1187  
  
(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

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

(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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	03/04/2011	03/04/2011	D		4,725	D	\$ 2.50 <u>(1)</u>	By Wife-Investment Trust
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	03/04/2011	03/04/2011	D		797.84	D	\$ 2.50 <u>(2)</u>	By Employee Benefit Plan
Cadence Financial	03/04/2011	03/04/2011	D		12,839.24	D	\$ 2.50	By Employee 401K Plan

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Corporation										(3)
Common										
Stock										
Cadence										
Financial										\$
Corporation	03/04/2011	03/04/2011	D	0.85	D	2.5	0	I	By IRA	
Common										(4)
Stock										

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 20.75	03/04/2011	03/04/2011	D	13,333	06/13/2002 06/12/2011	common stock	13,333	
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 24.11	03/04/2011	03/04/2011	D	13,333	06/13/2003 06/12/2012	common stock	13,333	
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 25.2	03/04/2011	03/04/2011	D	13,333	05/01/2005 04/30/2014	common stock	13,333	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

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STARKVILLE, MS 39760

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COO

## Signatures

Mark Abernathy

03/04/2011

\_\_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) Disposed of in connection with the merger of the issuer with a subsidiary of Community Bancorp LLC pursuant to that certain agreement and plan of merger dated October 6, 2010, by and among the issuer, Community Bancorp LLC and Maroon Acquisition Corp. (the "Merger"), in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to \$2.50 per share.
  - (2) Disposed of in connection with the Merger of in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to \$2.50 per share.
  - (3) Disposed of in connection with the Merger of in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to \$2.50 per share.
  - (4) Disposed of in connection with the Merger of in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to \$2.50 per share.
  - (5) These options, which were fully vested, were cancelled in connection with the Merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$0.20 per share.
  - (6) These options, which were fully vested, were cancelled in connection with the Merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$0.20 per share.
  - (7) These options, which were fully vested, were cancelled in connection with the Merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$0.20 per share.

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