FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Kenefick Jeffrey Patrick			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 220 LIBERT	(Last) (First) (Middle) 20 LIBERTY STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2017	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
	(Street)		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		
WARSAW, NY 14569				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurities Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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)
Common Stock					` /	6,763	D	
Common Stock						4,668	I	Held in 401K Plan
Common Stock						2,470	I	Held in IRA

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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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	ionof Derivative	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
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/22/2017	A	807	02/22/2017	02/22/2017	Common Stock	807

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kenefick Jeffrey Patrick 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Michael D. Grover, by power of attorney

02/23/2017

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of FISI common stock.

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