

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC
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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 *
 MCDANIEL W VALEN

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)
 16 GILLETT LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/29/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Risk Officer

CAZENOVIA, NY 13035

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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		
Common Stock	07/29/2005		M		370	A	\$ 11.5625	6,300.383 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	07/29/2005		M		580	A	\$ 12.375	6,880.383	D
Common Stock	07/29/2005		M		670	A	\$ 13.1	7,550.383	D
Common Stock	07/29/2005		M		1,416	A	\$ 15.675	8,966.383	D
Common Stock	07/29/2005		F		1,748	D	\$ 24.27	7,218.383	D

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 45,588 and 40,854 shares acquired on April 11, 2005 and July 11, 2005, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) The number of shares reported herein were acquired pursuant to Community Bank System, Inc.'s 401(K) Plan and are based on a current plan statement.

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