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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Anand Naveen Issuer Symbol HALLMARK FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [HALL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1000 09/12/2014 President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(State)

(7:m)

(C:tr.)

| (City) | (State) (Z | Table | I - Non-De | erivative So | ecurit | ies Acquire | ed, Disposed of, o | or Beneficially | y 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. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (4 and 5 (A) or | 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) |
| COMMON STOCK | 09/12/2014 | | Code V | Amount 4,218 | (D) | Price \$ 9.6787 (1) | 38,827 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 09/15/2014 | | P | 11,173 | A | \$ 9.8489 (2) | 50,000 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerci | sable and | 7. Title and A | nount c |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| Derivative Security | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Da | te | Underlying Se | curities |
| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/Y | (ear) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |) |
| | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | | |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | |
| | - | | | | (A) or | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amo |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | Title | or Num |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of |

Code V (A) (D)

Date

Share

COMMON

STOCK

03/31/2018 03/31/2018

Reporting Owners

(3)

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Anand Naveen | | | | | | | |
| 777 MAIN STREET | | | President & CEO | | | | |
| SUITE 1000 | | | President & CEO | | | | |
| FORT WORTH, TX 76102 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

RESTRICTED

STOCK

UNITS

Steven D. Davidson as Attorney-In-Fact for Naveen
Anand
09/16/2014

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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).
- Represents the weighted average purchase price of transactions effected at prices ranging from \$9.65 per share to \$9.70 per share. Upon written request by the SEC, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Represents the weighted average purchase price of transactions effected at prices ranging from \$9.80 per share to \$9.95 per share. Upon written request by the SEC, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i)

(3) from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (1) CAGR less than 9% earns 0%; (ii) 9% CAGR earns 50%; (iii) 10% CAGR earns 67%; (iv) 11% CAGR earns 83%; (v) 12% CAGR earns 100% shares; (vi) 13% CAGR earns 117%; (vii) 14% CAGR earns 133%; and (viii) 15% or greater CAGR earns 150%.

Reporting Owners 2

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