SEAVER R ARTHUR JR

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SEAVER R ARTHUR JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC [SFST]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

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

01/15/2013

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

Chief Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

P.O. BOX 17465

GREENVILLE, SC 29606

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount Date or Number of Share Stock **Options** Common 01/15/2014(1) 01/15/2023 \$ 9.55 01/15/2013 10,000 A 10,000 Stock (right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	elationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SEAVER R ARTHUR JR

P.O. BOX 17465 X Chief Executive Officer

GREENVILLE, SC 29606

Signatures

R. Arthur Seaver, Jr., /s/Julie A. Fairchild, POA 01/17/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Stock options vest equally over 4 years.

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