Windley John F Form 4 January 26, 2009

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Windley John F

(First)

(Middle)

C/O SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 520 GERVAIS **STREET**

(Street)

(State)

COLUMBIA, SC 29201

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SCBT FINANCIAL CORP [SCBT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

Code V Amount (D) Price

4. Securities (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

10% Owner Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

PRESIDENT - SCBT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
STOCK OPTIONS	\$ 27.57	01/22/2009		A		3,304		01/22/2010	01/22/2019	COMMON STOCK	3,304

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other Windley John F

C/O SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION **520 GERVAIS STREET** COLUMBIA, SC 29201

PRESIDENT -**SCBT**

Signatures

JOHN F. **WINDLEY**

01/26/2009 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) These options vest at 25% per year for 4 years beginning 1/22/2010.

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