STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

DEPILLO DAVID S

Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

/WA/[STSA]

(Month/Day/Year) 10/30/2012

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

EVP/Vice Chairman

111 NORTH WALL STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

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

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(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 Security

Conversion or Exercise

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

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (In Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Restricted Common (1) (1) 38,769 (1) 10/30/2012 Α 38,769 Stock Unit Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEPILLO DAVID S 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201

EVP/Vice Chairman

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway, attorney-in-fact

**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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock. The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 25% on March 13, 2013, 25% on March 13, 2014 and 50% on March 13, 2015 subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company through such dates.

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