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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Person <u>*</u> WHITE JA		orting	2. Date of Event R Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SUPERIOR BANCORP [SUPR]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/08/2008		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
17 NORTH 2	OTH STRE	EET									
	(Street)				(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group			
BIRMINGH			Director 10% Owner XOfficer Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Administrative Officer		Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ty		Ben	mount of eficially tr. 4)	² Securities Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ership	rect Beneficial		
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Ta	ble II - Deri	vative Secur	rities Beneficially O	wned (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrants, op	tions, c	convertible	securities)		
1. Title of Deriv (Instr. 4)	ative Security	Expir	te Exercisable and ation Date _{Day/Year}) Expiration	Securiti	and Amount of es Underlying ve Security)	4. Conversi or Exerc Price of Derivativ Security	ise F D ve S	wnership orm of erivative ecurity: irect (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		

Amount or

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or Indirect

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Exercisable Date

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January 31,

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WHITE JAMES 17 NORTH 20TH STREET BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	Â	Â	Chief Administrative Officer	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ William H. Caughran, attorney-in-fact	09/09/2008						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date	2				
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Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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