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UNITED STATES SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Sierra Bancorp
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
02/200102
82620P102
(CUSIP Number)
12/31/03

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
"Rule 13d-1(b)
"Rule 13d-1(c)
x Rule 13d-1(d)

CUSIP No.		13G	Page	of	Pages
1.	Names of Repo	orting Persons			
	I.R.S. Identific	cation Nos. of above persons (entities only)			
	Greg	gory A. Childress			
2.	Check the App	propriate Box if a Member of a Group*			
	(a) "				
	(b) "				
3.	SEC Use Only				
4.	Citizenship or	Place of Organization			
	U.S.				
		5. Sole Voting Power			
NU	JMBER OF	980,816			
;	SHARES	6. Shared Voting Power			
BEN	IEFICIALLY				
O'	WNED BY	705,272			
	EACH	7. Sole Dispositive Power			
RE	EPORTING				
]	PERSON	980,816			
	WITH	8. Shared Dispositive Power			
		705,272			

^{9.} Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

	1,693,668
10.	Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
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11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
	18.10%
12.	Type of Reporting Person*
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CUSIP No. 82620P102 13G Page 3 of 3 Pages Item 1: (a) Issuer: Sierra Bancorp (b) Principal Executive Offices: 86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA. 93257 Item 2: Person Filing: (a) Gregory A. Childress (b) Address: 12012 Road 200, Porterville, CA. 93257 Citizen of the U.S.A. (c) Class of Securities: (d) Common Stock, no par value CUSIP Number: (e) #82620P102 **Item 3:** N/A Item 4: (a) Total Shares Beneficially Owned: 1,693,668 Percentage Ownership: 18.10% (b) (c) (i) Shares with Sole Voting Power: 980,816 (includes 100,000 vested option shares) (ii) Shares with Shared Voting Power: 705,272 (iii) Shares with Sole Investment Power: Same shares as Item i above Shares with Shared Investment Power: Same shares as Item ii above Item 5: N/A Item 6: N/A **Item 7:** N/A **Item 8:** N/A Item 9: N/A **Item 10:** N/A

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 9, 2004 /s/ Gregory A. Childress

Gregory A. Childress

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