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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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(Middle)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Strickland F Justin

(Last) (First)

P.O. BOX 7908

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC [sfst]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Owned

Beneficially

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

COLUMBIA, SC 29202

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

(Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

7. Nature of

Southern

Inc.

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

First Bancshares,

11/02/2007

11/02/2007

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D

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exer		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
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					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	•

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Strickland F Justin

P.O. BOX 7908 President

COLUMBIA, SC 29202

### **Signatures**

F. Justin Strickland, /s/James M. Austin, 11/02/2007 **POA** 

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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