

CNA FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 Address of Reporting Person *
PONTARELLI THOMAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 333 S. WABASH AVE.
 (Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60604

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CNA FINANCIAL CORP [CNA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/31/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Former EVP & Chief Admin Off

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/31/2017		M	15,000 A \$ 41.49	54,845 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	01/31/2017		M	15,000 A \$ 41.49	58,080 ⁽²⁾	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 11.51	01/31/2017		M	15,000	(3) 02/04/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 32.54	01/31/2017		M	15,000	(5) 02/06/2018	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PONTARELLI THOMAS 333 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60604			Former EVP & Chief Admin Off	

Signatures

/s/ Stathy Darcy by Power of Attorney for Thomas Pontarelli
 Signature: _____ Date: 02/01/2017

**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).
- (1) The Reporting Person exercised 15,000 Stock Appreciation Rights and as such received a gain of 10,838 shares of the issuers common stock.
- (2) The Reporting Person exercised 15,000 Stock Appreciation Rights and as such received a gain of 3,235 shares of the issuers common stock.
- (3) As previously reported, the Stock Appreciation Rights became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on February 4, 2010.
- (4) As previously reported, the Reporting Person received the Derivative Security pursuant to a grant of stock appreciation rights at no cost.
- (5) As previously reported, the Stock Appreciation Rights became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on February 6, 2009.

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