

BOWDEN LLOYD M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BOWDEN LLOYD M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP  
[(WTFC)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2671 OAK RAIL DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

NEW LENOX, IL 60451

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	(A) or (D)	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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M		10,882	\$ 7.58	0	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M		6,787	\$ 9.3933	0	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M		5,806	\$ 9.6867	0	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M		4,528	\$ 8.28	0	D
Common Stock	02/10/2006		S		13,000	\$ 52.083	41,787	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.58	02/10/2006		M	10,882	12/31/2000 03/11/2006	Common Stock	10,882
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.28	02/10/2006		M	4,528	12/31/2000 04/01/2006	Common Stock	4,528
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.3933	02/10/2006		M	6,787	12/31/1999 04/01/2006	Common Stock	6,787
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.6867	02/10/2006		M	5,806	12/31/2000 04/01/2006	Common Stock	5,806

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWDEN LLOYD M 2671 OAK RAIL DRIVE NEW LENOX, IL 60451			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ David A. Dykstra,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/13/2006

\*\*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).

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