

SUNTRUST BANKS INC
 Form 4
 March 17, 2003

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Royal, Frank S.			SunTrust Banks, Inc. - STI				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year				
			58-1575035		March 14, 2003				
1122 North 25th Street Suite A									
(Street)					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
Richmond, VA 23223							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							3,978	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) 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 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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V							(A)
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	1 for 1	3/14/03		A	15.034	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	15.034	54.04	1,820.2822	D
Option ⁽²⁾	51.125					11/14/00	11/14/10	Common Stock			2,000	D
Option (2)	64.57					11/13/01	11/13/11	Common Stock			2,000	D
Option (2)	54.28					2/11/03	2/11/13	Common Stock			2,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Phantom stock units represent stock equity awards and deferred cash and/or stock payable to the Reporting Person as an annual retainer for past service on the Board of Crestar Bank, which was acquired by SunTrust. Units will be distributed to the Reporting Person in stock on February 15 of the year following the year in which he ends service on the Board of SunTrust Bank, Issuer's wholly-owned subsidiary.

(2) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

By: /s/ **Raymond Fortin, Attorney-in-Fact for Frank S. Royal, M.D.**

March 17, 2003
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**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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