

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC  
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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 \*  
 Strickland F Justin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC [SFST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 P.O. BOX 17465  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/05/2015

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

GREENVILLE, SC 29606

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

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(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)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	11/05/2015		M		13,310 A \$ 16.3	63,438	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015		M		6,655 A \$ 10.14	70,093	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015		M		9,983 A \$ 5.09	80,076	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015		S		573 D \$ 22.54	79,503	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015		S		300 D \$ 22.52	79,203	D

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Common Stock	11/05/2015	S	185	D	\$ 22.51	79,018	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015	S	200	D	\$ 22.5	78,818	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015	S	1	D	\$ 22.19	78,817	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015	S	9,690	D	\$ 22.01	69,127	D
Common Stock	11/05/2015	S	18,999	D	\$ 22	50,128	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 options (right to buy)	\$ 16.3	11/03/2015		M	13,310	11/10/2007	11/10/2016	Common Stock	13,310
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 10.14	11/05/2015		M	6,655	01/15/2009	01/15/2018	Common Stock	6,655
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 5.09	11/05/2015		M	9,983	01/20/2010	01/20/2019	Common Stock	9,983

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Strickland F Justin P.O. BOX 17465 GREENVILLE, SC 29606			President	

## Signatures

F. Justin Strickland, /s/Julie A Fairchild,  
POA 11/09/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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