

Parente John  
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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 \*  
Parente John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/20/2018

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

C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

(Street)

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

DEWITT, NY 13214

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 63,947.0039<br>(1)  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 10,000  | I (2)  | By son, John K. Parente Trust U/A 6/15/96  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 10,000  | I (2)  | By son, Louis C. Parente                   |

|                 |  |        |              |   |
|-----------------|--|--------|--------------|---|
| Common<br>Stock |  | 10,000 | I <u>(2)</u> | Trust U/A<br>3/29/01<br><br>By son,<br>Samuel M.<br>Parente<br>Trust U/A<br>6/16/98 |
|-----------------|--|--------|--------------|---|

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                                     | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |   | Code   | V   | (A)                                       | (D)                                    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 55.92   | 03/20/2018                              |   | A                                    | 2,559   | 03/20/2018   | 03/20/2028  | Common<br>Stock                           | 2,559                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Parente John<br>C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.<br>5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY<br>DEWITT, NY 13214 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by John Parente

03/22/2018

\_\_\_\_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 has transferred his authority with respect to the 17,336 shares of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock held in the Charles E. Parente Revocable Trust and is no longer deemed the beneficial owner of such shares.

(2) The trust was established for the benefit of the reporting person's child and the reporting person does not have investment discretion nor a pecuniary interest in the shares held by the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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