

PRESCOTT THOMAS J  
 Form 5  
 February 07, 2003  
 SEC Form 5

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| <p><b>FORM 5</b></p> <p>[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</p> <p>[ ] Form 3 Holdings Reported<br/>                 [ ] Form 4 Transactions Reported</p> | <p><b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b><br/>                 Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p><b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b></p> <p>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</p> | <p>OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0362<br/>                 Expires: January 31, 2005<br/>                 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . . . 0.5</p>   |
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br/> <b>Prescott, Thomas J.</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br/> <b>P. O. Box 120</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Street)<br/> <b>Columbus, GA 31902-120</b></p> <hr/> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>     | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br/> <b>Synovus Financial Corp. SNV</b></p>  | <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br/>                 (Check all applicable)</p> <p>_____ Director _____<br/>                 10% Owner<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____<br/>                 Other _____</p> <p>Officer/Other Description <b>EVP, Chief Financial Officer</b></p> |
|   | <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>  | <p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br/> <b>December 31, 2002</b></p> <hr/> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p>  |
|   |   | <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing</p>  |

| 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 (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock   | 12/31/2002                           |  | G                              | 750   D<br>  | 34,239   | D   |   |
|  |                                      |  |                                |  |  |   |   |

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| <p><b>Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b><br/>                 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)</p> |
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| 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 | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr.4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4) |
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Explanation of Responses :

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

*See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

**By: Signed by Garilou Page as  
Attorney in Fact** -  
**02-07-2003**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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