

PATTON MICHAEL A  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
PATTON MICHAEL A

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)  
2570 HAYDEN ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2005

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

OLEAN, NY 14760  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		8,166	A	\$ 14.6563
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		10,564	A	\$ 11.5625
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		5,796	A	\$ 12.375
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		9,174	A	\$ 13.1
Common Stock	12/14/2005		S		33,700	D	\$ 23.9632
							85,660
							96,224
							102,020
							111,194
							77,494

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Common Stock 2,800 I By Spouse

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option	\$ 11.5625	12/14/2005		M	10,564	01/01/2001	01/01/2010	Common Stock	10,564
Stock Option	\$ 12.375	12/14/2005		M	5,796	01/01/2002	01/01/2011	Common Stock	5,796
Stock Option	\$ 13.1	12/14/2005		M	9,174	01/01/2003	01/01/2012	Common Stock	9,174
Stock Option	\$ 14.6563	12/14/2005		M	8,166	01/01/2000	01/01/2009	Common Stock	8,166

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PATTON MICHAEL A 2570 HAYDEN ROAD OLEAN, NY 14760			President/Financial Services	

**Signatures**

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney 12/15/2005

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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