

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 4

April 23, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
McDonnell, Thomas A.
4909 Sunset Drive
Kansas City, MO 64112
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (CBSH)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
4/23/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A or D	Price
Common Stock	04/23/03	P	300	A	\$36.860000
Common Stock	04/23/03	P	200	A	\$36.870000
Common Stock	04/23/03	P	704	A	\$36.880000

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code Code V	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A	D
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Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Transaction Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security
-		Title	Amount or Number of Shares

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/S/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen
For: Thomas A. McDonnell

DATE 04/23/03