

SALERNO FREDERIC V  
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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 \*  
 SALERNO FREDERIC V

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 P.O. BOX 362708  
 (Street)  
 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 POPULAR INC [BPOP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/01/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                      |                                      |  | Code               | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |   |
| Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share | 02/01/2006                           | 02/01/2006   | J <sup>(1)</sup>   | 501   | A   | \$ 0   | 13,855                            | 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)**

