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United States
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report February 2, 2006

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina 001-12669 57-0799315
----(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

520 Gervais Street Columbia, South Carolina

29201-3046

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (800) 277-2175

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

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On February 2, 2006, SCBT Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing its entrance into the Charleston, South Carolina banking market. A copy of the press release and a question and answer sheet is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits have been furnish herewith:

99.1 The press release issued by SCBT Financial Corporation in connection with the announcement and a question and answer sheet.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

February 2, 2006

SCBT Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Richard C. Mathis
----Richard C. Mathis

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Description of Exhibit

Press release dated February 2, 2006, with a question and answer sheet.