

BYARS DAVID  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
BYARS DAVID

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP  
[CADE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2008

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

P. O. BOX 1187

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	12/22/2008	12/22/2008	P	1,500	A	\$ 4.75	11,133 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Profit Sharing Plan
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock							1,700	I	David Byars IRA
Cadence Financial							3,582	I	By wife

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Corporation Common Stock			
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	778	I	Byars Family Exempt Trust
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	966 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Byars Furniture Investment
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	1,333	I	Byars Marital Income Trust
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	700	I	By Wife's IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	600	I	Steve Risher Trust
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	4,166	D	
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	5,337	I	By Neda Byars Revocable Trust

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)**

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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 (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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BYARS DAVID P. O. BOX 1187 STARKVILLE, MS 39760		X		

## Signatures

David C. Byars                      12/22/2008  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) On 5/2/08 103 shares were purchased on Byars Profit and Share Plan, but put on the Furniture account in error.
- (2) On 5/2/08 103 shares were purchased on added to this account instead of the Profit and Share Account.

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