

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GARBARINO JOHN R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
 [OCFC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**975 HOOPER AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/15/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President and CEO**

**TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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. 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)			
Common Stock	11/15/2006		G	V	275	D	\$ 0	308,838	D
Common Stock								60,030	I By 401(k) (1)
Common Stock								804	I Son 1 Trust
Common Stock								42,989	I By Esop (2)
Common Stock								8,484	I Son 2 Trust

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Common Stock	14,445	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	4,658	I	By Award

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)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07					01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Common Stock	3,430
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.795					04/20/2006	04/20/2015	Common Stock	3,806
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.525					05/28/2005	05/28/2014	Common Stock	90,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.44					05/30/2004	05/30/2013	Common Stock	90,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.88					02/20/2003	02/20/2012	Common Stock	120,000
	\$ 23.475					02/15/2007	02/15/2016		63,000

Stock  
Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARBARINO JOHN R 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of  
Attorney

11/16/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions under the ESOP pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

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