

BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BALLESTER ALEJANDRO M | | | (Month/Day/Year) | POPULAR INC [BPOP] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| P.O. BOX 364548 | | | | (Check all applicable) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (Street) | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| SAN JUAN,Â PRÂ 00936-4548 | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share | 28,638 | D | Â |
| Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share | 5,000 | I | By wife |
| Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share | 4,657 | I | By daughter |
| Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share | 4,647 | I | By daughter |
| Common Stock Par Value \$0.01 per share | 2,733 | I | By son |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

