

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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**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 \*  
**RIPPY R ALLEN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC [COOP]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/17/2005**

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

**201 MARKET STREET**

(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

**WILMINGTON, NC 28401**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/17/2005		M	2,500 A \$ 7	8,740 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 7	08/17/2005		M	2,500	03/01/1997 03/01/2007	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 7.373					07/15/1999 07/15/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 18					12/29/2004 12/29/2014	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIPPY R ALLEN 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Rippy, R.  
Allen

08/17/2005

\*\*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).
- Reporting person has disclaimed beneficial ownership of 855 shares previously reported as owned Indirectly by First Daughter and 855 shares previously reported as owned Indirectly by Second Daughter. Reporting person's daughters no longer live in the same household as reporting person.
- (1) shares previously reported as owned Indirectly by Second Daughter. Reporting person's daughters no longer live in the same household as reporting person.
- (2) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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