

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

December 14, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GILMER FRED JR

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
SOUTHERN FIRST  
BANCSHARES INC [SFST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2016

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

P.O. BOX 17465

(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

GREENVILLE, SC 29606

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                       | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Price                                                                                |                                                                      |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/14/2016                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                         | 230 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 32.85                                                                                      | 53,665                                                               | D                                       |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/14/2016                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                         | 45 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 32.8                                                                                        | 53,620                                                               | D                                       |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/14/2016                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                         | 144 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 32.7                                                                                       | 53,476                                                               | D                                       |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/14/2016                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                         | 2,956 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 32.5                                                                                     | 50,520                                                               | 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)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GILMER FRED JR<br>P.O. BOX 17465<br>GREENVILLE, SC 29606 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Fred Gilmer, Jr. /s/Julie A Fairchild,  
POA 12/14/2016

\*\*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) On 12/13/2016, Mr. Fred Gilmer Jr. gifted 3,375 shares to the Frederick Gilmer Jr. Charitable Remainder Unitrust for which Mr. Gilmer Jr. is the trustee. The shares were then sold on 12/14/2016 from the Charitable Remainder Unitrust.

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