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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Common

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(Print or Type Responses)

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Common Shares	02/22/2019		Δ	2,425 A	\$ 0	33,578.4116 (2)	D			

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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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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Rose Dennis E Jr **601 CLINTON STREET** DEFIANCE, OH 43512

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Dennis E. Rose, Jr. by Kevin T. Thompson P.O.A

02/26/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- 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).
- Represents common shares issued under the First Defiance Financial Corp. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan. The common shares were earned (1) in connection with the settlement of performance-based restricted stock units previously granted in 2016 pursuant to a 2016 Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement.
- On July 13, 2018, the issuer split its common shares 2-for-1. As a result, the 15,576.7058 common shares reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed on February 23, 2018 were split into 31,153.4116 common shares.

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