

GILLILAND THOMAS C
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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 *
 GILLILAND THOMAS C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS
 INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 PO BOX 398
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 05/16/2005 | | A | (A) or (D) 2,250 (1) | \$ 0 66,300 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 18,948.526 | I | By 401k |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,225 (3) | I | Cust FBO Thomas C. Gilliland, Jr. (Son) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,225 (3) | I | Cust FBO Jason W. Gilliland |

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|--------------|--|------------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | 414,056 ⁽²⁾ | I | (Son) Candace W. Gilliland (Spouse) |
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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)

| 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 (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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 23.1 | 05/16/2005 | | A | 9,000 ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/16/2006 05/16/2015 | Common Stock | 9,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GILLILAND THOMAS C PO BOX 398 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514 | X | | EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns | |

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney
05/16/2005

__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).

- (1) 2005 Restricted Stock Award vests over four consecutive years at 25% on the anniversary date of January 31, beginning in the year 2006.
- (2) Includes debit of 820 shares gifted on 12/8/04, to Mr. Gilliland's minor children for which he claims beneficial ownership.
- (3) Includes credit of 820 shares gifted on 12/8/04, by parents for which Mr. Gilliland claims beneficial ownership.
- (4) 2005 Options vest over four consecutive years at 25% each anniversary date.

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