

Kearny Financial Corp.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MONTANARO LEOPOLD W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O KEARNY FINANCIAL  
CORP, 120 PASSAIC AVENUE

(Street)

FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Kearny Financial Corp. [KRNY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/24/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$10	10/24/2005		A	53,462 A \$ 11.55	53,462 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by RSP Trust
Common Stock, par value \$.10					50,001	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10					25,000	I	by Spouse

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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Option - Right to Buy	\$ 11.55	10/24/2005		A	133,655	10/24/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/24/2015	Common Stock	133,655

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MONTANARO LEOPOLD W C/O KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP 120 PASSAIC AVENUE FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004	X			

## Signatures

/s/Leopold W. Montanaro by: Craig L. Montanaro, Power of Attorney 10/24/2005

\_\_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) Award vests and is earned 20% as of 10/24/06 and 20% annually thereafter.
- (2) Award vests and becomes first exercisable 20% as of 10/24/06 and 20% annually thereafter.

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