Knutson Craig L Form 4/A January 02, 2013

FORM 4

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

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

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Knutson Craig L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title below) below) **Executive Vice President**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2013

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Number:

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Estimated average

burden hours per

Common

Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(City)

12/31/2012

2.160 F

Code V Amount

302,065

Price

(A)

(D)

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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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Knutson Craig L C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/Craig L. 12/31/2012 Knutson

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- THE REPORTED DISPOSITION REPRESENTS THE SURRENDER OF SHARES TO SATISFY TAX OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK.

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