GORIN WILLIAM S

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Perso GORIN WILLIAM S	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 35 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR		_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NEW YORK, NY 10022	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					Reported		

(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ben Owr (Inst
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	, ,	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	31/2012		M	78,125 (1)	A	\$ 0	735,950	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	31/2012		F	39,314 (2)	D	\$ 8.11	696,636	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	31/2012		F	9,178 (3)	D	\$ 8.11	687,458	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	' (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S

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Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GORIN WILLIAM S C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		President				

12/31/2012

Signatures

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/S/William S.
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**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).
- (1) SHARES ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE SETTLEMENT OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS (I.E. PHANTOM STOCK) GRANTED TO THE REPORTING PERSON ON OCTOBER 26, 2007, WHICH VESTED IN FULL ON DECEMBER 31, 2010
- (2) THE REPORTED DISPOSITION REPRESENTS THE SURRENDER OF SHARES TO SATISFY TAX OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE VESTING AND SETTLEMENT OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS (I.E. PHANTOM STOCK).
- (3) THE REPORTED DISPOSITION REPRESENTS THE SURRENDER OF SHARES TO SATISFY TAX OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THE VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK.

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EACH SHARE OF PHANTOM STOCK WAS THE ECONOMIC EQUIVALENT OF ONE SHARE OF MFA COMMON STOCK. THE REPORTING PERSON SETTLED THEIR SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK FOR SHARES OF MFA COMMON STOCK.

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