

ABERNATHY MARK A  
Form 5  
January 28, 2010

**FORM 5**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ABERNATHY MARK A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP  
[CADE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/28/2010

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

P. O. BOX 1187

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form Filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	01/28/2010	01/28/2010	J	311.331	A \$ 0 15,000	I	By IRA
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â 4,725	I	By Wife-Investment Trust

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Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	01/28/2010	01/28/2010	J	11.2288	A	\$ 0	793.7857	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
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Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock	01/28/2010	01/28/2010	J	216.2923	A	\$ 0	12,875.8147	I	By Employee 401K Plan
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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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 20.75	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/13/2002 06/12/2011	common stock 13,333
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 24.11	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/13/2003 06/12/2012	common stock 13,333
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 25.2	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/01/2005 04/30/2014	common stock <sup>(1)</sup> 13,333

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABERNATHY MARK A P. O. BOX 1187 STARKVILLE, MS 39760	X			

## Signatures

Mark Abernathy      01/28/2010

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 \*\*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) All options are vested.

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