

PIERSON TODD A  
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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 \*  
PIERSON TODD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ONYX ACCEPTANCE CORP  
[ONYX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
27051 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/11/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP and COO

FOOTHILLS RANCH, CA 92610

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 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	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X(2)		1,761	A	\$ 11.75	76,779	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X(2)		20,000	A	\$ 2.7	96,779	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X(2)		13,239	A	\$ 11.75	110,018	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X(2)		10,000	A	\$ 3.76	120,018	D
Common Stock	01/11/2005		X(2)		15,000	A	\$ 5.81	135,018	D

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Common Stock	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	4,479	A	\$ 3.38	139,497	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	X	35,000	A	\$ 3.66	174,497	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	521	A	\$ 3.38	175,018	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	D <sup>(1)</sup>	175,018	D	\$ 28	0	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005	D <sup>(1)</sup>	3,700	D	\$ 28	0	I	By Trust
Common Stock	01/11/2005	D <sup>(1)</sup>	3,925	D	\$ 28	0	I	By Managed Account (401(k) Plan)

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	
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 11.75	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		1,761	<sup>(2)</sup>	01/12/2014	Common Stock	1,761
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 2.7	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		20,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	02/03/2013	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 11.75	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		13,239	<sup>(2)</sup>	01/02/2014	Common Stock	13,239
	\$ 3.76	01/11/2005		X <sup>(2)</sup>		10,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	06/19/2012		10,000

Stock Options (right to purchase)	Exercise Price	Grant Date	Exercisable	Quantity	Expiration Date	Common Stock	Quantity
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 5.81	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	15,000	04/12/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 3.38	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	4,479	05/22/2010	Common Stock	4,479
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 3.66	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	35,000	05/23/2011	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Options (right to purchase)	\$ 3.38	01/11/2005	X <sup>(2)</sup>	521	05/22/2010	Common Stock	521

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PIERSON TODD A 27051 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE FOOTHILLS RANCH, CA 92610			EVP and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ TODD A. PIERSON by DON P. DUFFY,  
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

01/13/2005

\*\*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).
- The shares of common stock were disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Capital One Auto Finance, Inc., Foothill Services Corporation and Onyx Acceptance Corporation, dated as of September 20, 2004, in exchange for cash equal to \$28.00 per share.
- The options, to the extent not already vested, were deemed vested and exercisable immediately prior to the effectiveness of the merger of Foothill Services Corporation with and into Onyx Acceptance Corporation (the "Effective Time"). The options were deemed exercised immediately prior to the Effective Time.

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