

GARBARINO JOHN R  
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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 \*  
**GARBARINO JOHN R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
 [OCFC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**975 HOOPER AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/10/2007**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President and CEO**

**TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/10/2007		P	200 A \$ 16.43	1,004	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007		P	100 A \$ 16.46	1,104	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007		P	100 A \$ 16.47	1,204	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007		P	200 A \$ 16.48	1,404	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007		P	200 A \$ 16.54	1,604	I	Son 1 Trust

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Common Stock	12/10/2007	P	341	A	\$ 16.55	1,945	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007	P	59	A	\$ 16.59	2,004	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007	P	100	A	\$ 16.57	2,104	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007	P	100	A	\$ 16.52	2,204	I	Son 1 Trust
Common Stock	12/10/2007	P	1,100	A	\$ 16.55	9,584	I	Son 2 Trust
Common Stock						309,770	D	
Common Stock						79,253	I	By 401(k) <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock						45,446	I	By Esop <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock						183	I	By Matching ESOP <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock						14,445	I	By Spouse
Common Stock						7,635	I	By Award

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)	8. P Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of

					Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.525	05/28/2005	05/28/2014	Common Stock	90,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.795	04/20/2006	04/20/2015	Common Stock	3,806
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07	01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Common Stock	3,430
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.44	05/30/2004	05/30/2013	Common Stock	90,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.88	02/20/2003	02/20/2012	Common Stock	120,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.475	02/15/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	63,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17	02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	60,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARBARINO JOHN R 975 HOOPER AVENUE TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of Attorney  
12/11/2007

\_\_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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions under the ESOP pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Represents shares acquired under the OceanFirst Bank Matching Contribution Employee Stock Ownership Plan established as part of a spin-off from the OceanFirst Employee Stock Ownership Plan effective December 27, 2006.

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