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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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Bryant V Gail	•	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
200 PALMER STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2016	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President, Pocono Region			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
STROUDSBURG, PA 18360			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ 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

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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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	Securities C Beneficially F Owned I	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/09/2016		M	10,000	A	\$ 12.35	30,453 (2) (3) (4)	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2016		F	8,221	D	\$ 16.68	22,232 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	D	
Common Stock							34,190 (1)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock							2,600	I	As Custodian for child
Common Stock							1,691	I	By IRA

Common Stock

10,498 (1) I

By ESOP

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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)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 12.35	12/09/2016		M		10,000	05/23/2009	05/23/2018	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner

Officer

Other

Bryant V Gail

200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

President, Pocono Region

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of

attorney

12/13/2016

**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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2014.
- (3) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2015.
- (4) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2016.

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