

PATTON MICHAEL A

Form 4

December 15, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PATTON MICHAEL A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM
INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2570 HAYDEN ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
President/Financial Services

OLEAN, NY 14760

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		8,166	A	\$ 14.6563	85,660 D
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		10,564	A	\$ 11.5625	96,224 D
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		5,796	A	\$ 12.375	102,020 D
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M		9,174	A	\$ 13.1	111,194 D
Common Stock	12/14/2005		S		33,700	D	\$ 23.9632	77,494 D

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Common Stock 2,800 I By Spouse

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 11.5625	12/14/2005		M		10,564		01/01/2001	01/01/2010	Common Stock	10,564
Stock Option	\$ 12.375	12/14/2005		M		5,796		01/01/2002	01/01/2011	Common Stock	5,796
Stock Option	\$ 13.1	12/14/2005		M		9,174		01/01/2003	01/01/2012	Common Stock	9,174
Stock Option	\$ 14.6563	12/14/2005		M		8,166		01/01/2000	01/01/2009	Common Stock	8,166

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
PATTON MICHAEL A 2570 HAYDEN ROAD OLEAN, NY 14760	President/Financial Services

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney 12/15/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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