

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC

Form 4

January 18, 2008

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

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See Instruction
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CANTWELL PAUL M JR

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)

37 CONSTABLE STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2008

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

MALONE, NY 12953

(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
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	01/01/2008		M		755	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common Stock							10,450
							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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Deferred Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(2)	01/01/2008		M			755.4035	(2)	(2)	Common Stock
Stock Option	\$ 18.09	01/16/2008		A		5,457		01/16/2008	01/16/2018	Common Stock
Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan)	(3)	01/16/2008		A		584.97		(3)	(3)	Common Stock
Deferred Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(2)	01/16/2008		A		180.3766		(2)	(2)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CANTWELL PAUL M JR 37 CONSTABLE STREET MALONE, NY 12953			X	

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney for Paul M. Cantwell, Jr.

01/18/2008

__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) Each deferred stock unit entitles the reporting person to receive one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. On January 1, 2008, the reporting person's deferred stock units were settled for an equal number of shares and .4035 shares for cash at \$19.87 per share.
- (2) Each deferred stock unit entitles the reporting person to receive one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Awards relating to the deferred stock units (Deferred Comp. Plan) may be settled upon the reporting person's attainment of age 55.
Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan) may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank System, Inc.'s Board of Directors.
- (3)

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