

SUNTRUST BANKS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
ROYAL FRANK S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1122 NORTH 25TH STREET, SUITE A

(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SUNTRUST BANKS INC [STI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/19/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,978 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/19/2005 | | A | 1,200 A \$ 70.93 | 2,400 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |

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 |
| Phantom Stock Units | (2) | | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,928.126 |
| Option (3) | \$ 51.125 | | | | | 11/14/2000 | 11/14/2010 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Option (3) | \$ 64.57 | | | | | 11/13/2001 | 11/13/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Option (3) | \$ 54.28 | | | | | 02/11/2003 | 02/11/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROYAL FRANK S 1122 NORTH 25TH STREET SUITE A RICHMOND, VA 23223 | X | | | |

Signatures

Kimberly N. Rhodes, Attorney-in-Fact for Frank S. Royal, M.D. 04/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted stock held under SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2004 Stock Plan. The plan is exempt under Rule 16(b)-3.

(2) Phantom stock units represent stock equity awards and deferred cash and/or stock payable to the Reporting Person as an annual retainer for past service on the Board of Crestar Bank, which was acquired by SunTrust. Units will be distributed to the Reporting Person in stock on February 15 of the year following the year in which he ends service on the Board of SunTrust Bank, Issuer's wholly-owned subsidiary. Includes additional shares acquired as a result of reinvestment of dividends since the reporting person's last filing.

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(3) Granted pursuant to the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2000 Stock Plan.

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