

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC  
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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 \*  
 GILMER FRED JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC [SFST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/28/2016

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

P.O. BOX 17465  
 (Street)

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

GREENVILLE, SC 29606

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/28/2016		M		3,328 A \$ 5.67	58,195	D
Common Stock	01/28/2016		S		671 D \$ 22.3	57,524	D
Common Stock	01/28/2016		S		700 D \$ 22.3042	56,824	D
Common Stock	01/28/2016		S		400 D \$ 22.31	56,424	D
Common Stock	01/28/2016		S		200 D \$ 22.304	56,224	D

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Common Stock	01/28/2016	S	100	D	\$ 22.28	56,124	D
Common Stock	01/28/2016	S	225	D	\$ 22.2	55,899	D
Common Stock	01/28/2016	S	4	D	\$ 22.45	55,895	D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 5.67	01/28/2016		M	3,328	01/19/2011 01/19/2020	Common Stock	3,328

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILMER FRED JR P.O. BOX 17465 GREENVILLE, SC 29606		X		

## Signatures

Fred Gilmer, Jr. /s/Julie A Fairchild,  
POA 01/29/2016

\*\*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).

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