

SAYLER VAN C
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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 *
SAYLER VAN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC [RJF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
880 CARILLON PARKWAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | A | 725 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 | 90,427 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 34,264 ⁽²⁾ | I | ESOP |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 12/04/2006 02/04/2009 | Common Stock | 5,400 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 01/04/2007 02/04/2009 | Common Stock | 12,600 ⁽³⁾ |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 24.9733 | | | | | 12/01/2008 02/01/2012 | Common Stock | 15,000 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 30.44 | | | | | 11/27/2010 01/27/2013 | Common Stock | 15,000 ⁽⁵⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SAYLER VAN C 880 CARILLON PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Van C. Sayler

12/10/2007

**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) Award of stock as portion of annual bonus

(2) Includes number of shares acquired under ESOP through 12/10/2007

(3) Options Becoming exercisable - 1,800 on 1/04/2007, 5,400 on 1/04/2008, and 5,400 on 1/04/2009

(4) Options Becoming exercisable - 3,750 on 12/01/2008, 3,750 on 12/01/2009, 3,750 on 12/01/2010 and 3,750 on 2/01/2011

(5) Options Becoming exercisable - 9,000 on 11/27/2010, 3,000 on 11/27/2011 and 3,000 on 11/27/2012

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