

OVERTON DAVID  
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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 \*  
OVERTON DAVID

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
[CAKE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2013

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and C.E.O.

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 (D) or Price (A)   |  |                                   |
| Common stock                    | 03/07/2013                           |  | A                              |   | 45,000<br>(4)   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 183,950   | I  | By Trust (1)                      |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,218,830   | I  | By Trust (2)                      |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 60,211  | I  | By Trust (3)                      |

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 Number Shares |
| Employee stock option to purchase          | \$ 35.62   | 03/07/2013                           |  | A                              | 175,000   | (5) 03/07/2021   | Common stock  | 175,000 |                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| OVERTON DAVID<br>26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD<br>CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301 | X             |           | Chairman and C.E.O. |       |

## Signatures

David Overton by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney  
in fact

03/11/2013

\*\*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) Shares are held by the David M. Overton 2011 Gift Trust UTA dated 11/23/2011 for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (2) Shares are held by the David Overton Family Trust of which Mr. Overton is the trustee.
- (3) Shares held by Mr. Overton's spouse as trustee for the Sheila A. Overton Living Trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- (4) Shares of restricted stock subject to the following vesting conditions: Performance condition based on the Issuer's cumulative fully-diluted earnings per share of (i) a combined target for fiscal 2013 and 2014, or (ii) a combined target for 2013, 2014 and 2015, whichever occurs first, then time-based vesting at a rate of 60% of the shares on 3/7/2016 and 20% on each of 3/7/17 and 3/7/18.
- (5) Stock options vest 20% on each of March 7, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Vesting may accelerate upon a change of control under certain conditions.

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