FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Christian Darrianne P					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]									ationship k all appl Direct	icable)	ng Person(s) to I			
(Last)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/10/2023									Office below	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify
P.O. BO	4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)									
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Ex  Da	piration te	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					
Phantom Stock	(1)	07/10/2023			A		459		(2)		(3)	Common Stock	459	9 \$	48.9698	3,271		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 2. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 3. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

/s/ Becka J. Turnbow, 07/10/2023 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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