FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HELVEY JERRY L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2003										(give title		Other (specify below)		
2808 E TURNBERRY ROAD						If Ame	ndmer	nt Dat	e of Original I	Filed (Mc	onth/	6	6 Individual or Joint/Group Eiling (Check Applicable							
(Street)		-			_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
WARSAW IN 46580				_										Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)																				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution I			Code (I	ction Dispos		urities Acquired (A) o sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				s ally ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	V Ar	moun	nt (A) or Pi (D) Pi		e	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
									quired, D ts, option						wned					
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deeme	e e	4.		5. NI		6. Date Exer	cisable a		7. Title and	I Amount	8.	Price of	9. Numbe		10.	11. Nature	
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	se (Month/Day/Year) if any Co (Month/Day/Year) 8)				Sec Act			Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		of Securitie Underlying Security (II 4)			derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
) r. 3, 4								Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)				
			and 5)			Amount or														
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirat Date	tion	Title	Number Shares						<u> </u>	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13.5								06/13/2005	06/13/2	2010	Common Stock	500			500		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13.625								01/09/2006	01/09/2	2011	Common Stock	1,000		1,000		0	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$15.125								02/08/2005	02/08/2	2010	Common Stock	600			600		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$19.4375								02/09/2004	02/09/2	2009	Common Stock	575			575		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$28								05/12/2003	05/10/2	2008	Common Stock	925		92			D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$34.37	12/09/2003			A	v	500		12/09/2008	12/09/2	2013	Common Stock	500		\$0	500		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0			Τ					01/01/2003	01/01/2	2003	Common Stock	11,847	.6		11,847	7.6	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/07/2003	01/07/2	2013	Common Stock	381.4			381.4	4	D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								01/28/2003	01/28/2	2013	Common Stock	88.7	┢		88.7	,	D	1	
Phantom Stock	\$0						1		04/28/2003	04/28/2	2013	Common Stock	88.3	╞		88.3		D		
Phantom Stock	\$0								07/10/2003	07/10/2	2013	Common Stock	237			237		D	1	
Phantom Stock	\$0						\square		07/30/2003	07/30/2	2013	Common Stock	75			75		D	1	
Phantom Stock	\$0						\vdash		10/27/2003	10/27/2	2013	Common Stock	70			70		D	1	

Explanation of Responses:

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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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