

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 \*  
 Nardelli Vito

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
 [OCFC]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 975 HOOPER AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/21/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 E.V.P., OceanFirst Bank

TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					740	D	
Common Stock					695	I	By 401(k) <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	02/21/2007		A	1,303 A	\$ 0 1,303	I	By Award <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock					1,654	I	By ESOP <u>(4)</u>

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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.17	02/21/2007		A	20,250	02/21/2008	02/21/2017	Common Stock	20,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.475					02/15/2007	02/15/2016	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.38					05/28/2005	05/28/2014	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.795					04/20/2006	04/20/2015	Common Stock	866
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07					01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Common Stock	780

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Nardelli Vito  
975 HOOPER AVENUE  
TOMS RIVER, NJ 08754

E.V.P., OceanFirst Bank

## Signatures

/s/ John K. Kelly, Power of  
Attorney

02/23/2007

\_\_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) Options awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2000 Stock Option Plan, vest in five equal annual installments beginning on February 21, 2008.
- (2) Restricted shares awarded under the OceanFirst Financial Corp. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, vest in five equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2008.
- (3) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (4) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

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