

OVERTON DAVID  
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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 \*  
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)  
05/31/2011

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common stock	05/31/2011		G	V 816 D \$ 0	60,211	I	By spouse <sup>(1)</sup>
Common stock	11/25/2011		G	V 191,270 D \$ 0	3,348,978	I	By trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common stock	12/27/2011		M	<u>39,811</u> <sup>(4)</sup> A \$ 22.4	130,811	D	
Common stock	12/27/2011		S	<u>39,611</u> <sup>(4)</sup> D \$ 29.5	91,200	D	
Common stock	12/27/2011		S	200 <u>29.505</u> <sup>(4)</sup> D \$	91,000	D	

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Common stock	12/29/2011	M	<u>35,189</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$ 22.4	126,189	D	
Common stock	12/29/2011	S	517 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$ 29.51	125,672	D	
Common stock	12/29/2011	S	<u>34,672</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$ 29.5	91,000	D	
Common stock						191,270	I	By trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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
Options to purchase common stock	\$ 22.4	12/27/2011		M	39,811	02/27/2007	02/27/2012	Common stock	39,811
Options to purchase common stock	\$ 22.4	12/29/2011		M	35,189	02/27/2007	02/27/2012	Common stock	35,189

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OVERTON DAVID 26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD	X		Chairman and C.E.O.	

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301

## Signatures

David Overton by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney  
in fact

12/29/2011

\_\_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 held by Mr. Overton's spouse as trustee for the Sheila A. Overton Living Trust. Mr. Overton disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his spouse.
- (2) Shares are held by the David Overton Family Trust of which Mr. Overton is the trustee.
- (3) Shares are held in trust 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.
- (4) Options were exercised and sold in accordance with a 10b5-1 trading plan.

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