

VANNUCCI ROBERT A
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**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 *
 VANNUCCI ROBERT A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11016 ARBOR PINE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/16/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President of Riviera Operating

LAS VEGAS, NV 89144

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

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock par value \$.001 per share	11/14/2005		S	3,000	D \$ 13.35	473,616	D
Common Stock par value \$.001 per share	11/14/2005		S	3,000	D \$ 13.45	470,616	D
Common Stock par value \$.001 per share	11/14/2005		S	3,000	D \$ 13.65	467,616	D

Explanation of Responses:

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