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(Print or Type	Responses)									
1. Name and A MURPHY	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
		WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP [WTFC]					(Check all applicable)			
(Month/I				e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year)				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
FLOOR	I HIGOINS KC	AD, 811	01/29/2	018				EXECUTIV	E VICE PRES	IDENT
	(Street)			endment, Da nth/Day/Year	-	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C	one Reporting Pe	rson
ROSEMON	NT, IL 60018							Form filed by M Person	ore than One Re	porting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit n(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	01/29/2018			М	9,872	А	\$ 44.11	39,365	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2018			М	7,560	А	\$ 40.87	46,925	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2018			S	17,432	D	\$ 87.49 (1)	29,493	D	
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Common	
Stock	

by 401(k) Plan

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 44.11	01/29/2018		М	9,872	01/22/2018	01/22/2022	Common Stock	9,8
Non-Qualified Stock Opion (right to buy)	\$ 40.87	01/29/2018		М	7,560	01/28/2018	01/28/2023	Common Stock	7,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MURPHY RICHARD B 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR ROSEMONT, IL 60018			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT				
Signatures							
/s/Kathleen M. Boege, Attorney-in-fact	01/31/2018						
<u>**</u> 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).
- The price reported is the weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$87.25 to \$87.81,
 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the SEC, the issuer and any security holder full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the shares were sold.

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