BANCORPSOUTH INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HARDER GARY RAY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4642 SUNNINGDALE DRIVE

(Street)

BELDEN, MS 38826

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANCORPSOUTH INC [BXS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/08/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/08/2008		M		8,000	A	$ 19.875	8,000	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2008		J		7,215 (1)	D	$ 23.25	785	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2008		S		785	D	$ 23.25	0	D	
Common Stock								25,233.8468	I	by 401k 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. 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (2)	$ 19.875	08/08/2008		M			8,000	(2)	10/31/2008	Common Stock	8,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDER GARY RAY 4642 SUNNINGDALE DRIVE BELDEN, MS 38826			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Harder, Gary R.	08/11/2008
**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 sold to cover option exercise price and/or tax liability of stock option exercised.

(2) Employee stock option granted pursuant to BancorpSouth, Inc., 1994 Stock Incentive Plan. The stock option becomes exercisable in 3 equal annual instalments commencing one year after date of grant.

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