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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

À PICKETT DONALD E

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/22/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SCBT FINANCIAL CORP [SCBT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 520 **GERVAIS STREET**

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Director

_X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

COLUMBIA, Â SCÂ 29201

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise

Price of

Security

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title

Amount or Number of

Derivative Security: Direct (D)

5.

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Shares or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

STOCK OPTIONS (1) 01/21/2011 01/21/2020 COMMON STOCK 2,125 \$ 31.1 D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PICKETT DONALD E C/O SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION 520 GERVAIS STREET COLUMBIA, SCÂ 29201

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER \hat{A}

Signatures

DONALD E. PICKETT 01/27/2010

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The 2,125 stock options were granted 01/21/2010 and vest at 25% per year for 4 years beginning 01/21/2011.

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