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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> PICKETT DONALD E			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCBT FINANCIAL CORP [SCBT]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/22/2010	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O SCBT H CORPORAT								
GERVAIS S		0						
UEK VAIS S	IKEEI			Director		Owner		
	(Street)				v) (specify belo ANCIAL OFFI	ow)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
COLUMBIA	A, SC 29	9201					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Reminder: Repo owned directly		ate line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	ially SI	EC 1473 (7-02)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	(msu. 3)

				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, SC 29201		Â	Â	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Â			
Signatures								
DONALD E. PICKETT	01/27/2010							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date							

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(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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