FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  WEST CATHERINE   |   |  |           |                  |       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP         |  |      |   |   |                     |        |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owne  Officer (give title Other (spec |   |   | Owner     |  |
|--|---|--|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|------|---|---|---------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|-----------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1680 CAPITAL ONE DRIVE             |   |  |           |                  |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2005                    |  |      |   |   |                     |        |   |   | low)  | belo<br>Vice Presider   | w)        |  |
| (Street)  MCLEAN VA 22102  (City) (State) (Zip)            |   |  |           |                  | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                       |  |      |   |   |                     |        | 6.<br>Lir   | e)<br><mark>X</mark> Fo   | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |   |           |  |
|  |   | Tabl   | le I - No | n-Deriv          | ative | Se   | curitie  | s Ac | quired,   | Dis   | posed o             | f, or  | Bene  | eficia  | lly Ow  | ned   |           |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da |   |  |           |                  |       | Execution Date,  |  |      | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. ) 8)  4. Securities Acquired (ADisposed Of (D) (Instr. 3) |   |                     |        | Sec<br>Ben<br>Owi                                 | mount of<br>urities<br>eficially<br>ned Following<br>orted  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |           |  |
|  |   |  |           |                  |       |  |  |      | Code  | v   | Amount (A) or (D)   |        | Price   | Tran  | isaction(s)<br>tr. 3 and 4)   |   | (11150.4) |  |
| Common Stock 12/06/.                                       |   |  |           |                  |       |  | 2005   |      | F <sup>(1)</sup>  |   | 13,740              |        | D   | \$84  | 7   | 73,493(2)   | D         |  |
|  |   | Та   |           |                  |       |  |  |      |   |   | sed of,<br>onvertib |        |   |   | Owne  | d   |           |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | ercise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) 8) |           | Transa<br>Code ( |       | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) o<br>Disp<br>of (D<br>(Inst<br>and | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date |      |   | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amour or Numbe of Title Shares |                     | str. 3 | 8. Price c<br>Derivativ<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |   | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4  | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                             |           |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents the automatic withholding by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax obligation associated with the vesting of restricted stock granted on December 6, 2002. This is authorized in the applicable restricted stock award agreement.
- 2. Includes shares acquired under the Company's Associate Stock Purchase Plan since last reported through this filing date.

By: Frederick L. Williams (POA on file)

12/08/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Dat

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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