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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strickland F Justin			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC [SFST]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specif below)		
P.O. BOX 7908			11/20/2009	President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
COLUMBIA, S	C 29202			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	•	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	11/20/2009		P	250	A \$ 6.85	6,650	D	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					of (D) (Instr. 3,						(Instr
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·r· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Strickland F Justin							
P.O. BOX 7908			President				

Signatures

COLUMBIA, SC 29202

F. Justin Strickland, /s/Julie A. 11/24/2009 Fairchild,POA

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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