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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Miller Craig

(First)

(Street)

(Ctata)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BANNER CORP [BANR]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

04/03/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ _ Other (specify below)

Executive VP, Banner Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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)	(Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/03/2017		Code V A	Amount 1,182 (1)	, ,	Price \$ 54.983 (2)	1,879	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/03/2017		A	1,773 (3)	A	\$ 54.983 (2)	3,652	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)

1. Title o	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivativ	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	/Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration	Title	Or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				C 1 17	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Miller Craig

10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE Executive VP, Banner Bank WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

Signatures

/s/ Craig Miller 04/05/2017

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares vest ratably over a three-year period beginning on April 3, 2017 and ending on the third anniversary thereof. These shares are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.
- (2) Market price on April 3, 2017.

Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan and is subject to the achievement of specified corporate and individual performance goals over a period that began on January 1, 2017 and ends on December 31, 2019. The extent to which the award vests, if at all, depends on the extent to which the performance goals are satisfied. These shares are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

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