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	Washington, D.C. 20549							OMB Number:	3235-0287	
Check thi if no long subject to Section 10 Form 4 or Form 5 obligatior may conti	er STATEM	<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF</b> <b>SECURITIES</b> Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section						Estimated a burden hou response	Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5	
<i>See</i> Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).										
(Print or Type R	Responses)									
SEIBLY JOHN GREGORY Syn			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			/WA/ [STSA]				(Check all applicable)			
			of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year) 2012				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) CEO/President - SFC			
	Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person					
SPOKANE,	WA 99201						Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	TransactionAcquired (A) or			SecuritiesIBeneficially(OwnedI	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	07/20/2012		A <u>(1)</u>	623 <u>(2)</u>	А	\$0	57,771	D		
Common Stock							2,438	Ι	401K	

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	;	Date	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SEIBLY JOHN GREGORY 111 N. WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	Х		CEO/President - SFC					
Signatures								
/s/ Karla J. Gehlen, attorney-in-fact		07/23/2012						

Date

<u>\*\*</u>Signature of 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).

Grant of salary stock in the form of mandatorily deferred Restricted Stock Units as approved by Sterling's board of directors in March of
 2012. Future RSUs are to be granted each payroll period and will be calculated using the closing price of Sterling's common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market as of the last trading day in each payroll period.

(2) Units vest immediately upon grant, however, delivery of the awarded shares is deferred until future distribution dates provided in the Agreement between Sterling and Mr. Seibly.

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