

Carpenter Herbert O
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Carpenter Herbert O

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARROW FINANCIAL CORP
 [AROW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 256 SMITH DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/25/2012

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

PLATTSBURGH, NY 12901

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	01/25/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	0	0 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	12,457 ⁽¹⁾	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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.42	01/25/2012		A	1,000	(2) 01/25/2022	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carpenter Herbert O 256 SMITH DRIVE PLATTSBURGH, NY 12901	X			

Signatures

thomas J. Murphy, Attorney in Fact
 Date: 01/26/2012
 **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).
- The information provided reflects 4 shares acquired under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and 184 shares acquired under the Company's ESPP since the last Form 4 was filed for the insider on December 2, 2011. None of those transactions were required to be reported on a Form 4 and this information is being furnished to disclose the holdings of the insider as of the date of this Form 4.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on January 25, 2013.

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