TORCHMARK CORP

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RICHEY RONALD K | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TORCHMARK CORP [TMK] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|--|----------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Mide | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| TORCHMARK | | | 05/05/2005 | Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) | | |
| CORPORATION, 2001 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH | | THIRD | | Former Director | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | |
| BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233 | | | 05/09/2005 | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) 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 ionDisposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | | M | 30,701 | A | \$ 34.5 | 957,921 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | | M | 224,754 | A | \$ 41.26 | 1,182,675 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | | M | 19,829 | A | \$ 34.75 | 1,202,504 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | | M | 25,061 | A | \$ 34.75 | 1,227,565 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | | M | 17,164 | A | \$ 27.75 | 1,244,729 | D | | | |

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| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | M | 6,000 | A | \$ 38.79 | 1,250,729 | D | |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------|---|---------------|-----------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | M | 27,408 | A | \$ 38.6 | 1,278,137 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | M | 6,000 | A | \$ 45.56 | 1,284,137 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | S | 254,166 | D | \$ 54.77 | 1,029,971 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2005 | S | 37,529 | D | \$ 54.2915 | 992,422 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 105,550 | I | By Charitable Remainder Unitrust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 212,140 | I | By Spouse's Charitable Remainder Unitrust |

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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | tive Expiration Date ties (Month/Day/Year) red (A) or red of (D) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount of Number of Shares |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.5 | 05/05/2005 | | M | | 30,701 | 07/08/2001 | 01/08/2012 | Common Stock | 30,701 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 41.26 | 05/05/2005 | | M | | 224,754 | 02/09/2002 | 08/11/2011 | Common Stock | 224,754 |

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| (Right to Buy) | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|---|--------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.75 | 05/05/2005 | M | 19,829 | <u>(1)</u> | 12/30/2009 | Common Stock | 19,829 |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.9375 | 05/05/2005 | M | 25,061 | 07/11/1999 | 01/11/2010 | Common Stock | 25,061 |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.75 | 05/05/2005 | M | 17,164 | 07/04/2000 | 01/04/2011 | Common Stock | 17,164 |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.79 | 05/05/2005 | M | 6,000 | 07/02/2002 | 01/04/2012 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.6 | 05/05/2005 | M | 27,408 | 07/03/2002 | 01/03/2013 | Common Stock | 27,408 |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 45.56 | 05/05/2005 | M | 6,000 | 07/02/2004 | 01/04/2014 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| supposing a man runner, runners | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| RICHEY RONALD K TORCHMARK CORPORATION 2001 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233 | | | | Former Director | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |

R.K. Richey, by /s/ Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact 05/11/2005

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Vests as to 1/10 of option shares per year on anniversary of original grant date, commencing 12/30/1999.

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