

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GRIFFITH G SANDERS III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP [SNV]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**P. O. BOX 120**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/10/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. EVP, GC and Sec**

**COLUMBUS, GA 31902**

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock					31	I	By son
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common stock					3,339	I	By Spouse
common stock	08/10/2005		M	66,980 A	\$ 18,375 202,713	D	
common stock	08/10/2005		M	187,500 A	\$ 14.5 390,213	D	

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common stock	08/10/2005	S	19,300	D	\$ 28.7	370,913	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	300	D	\$ 28.72	370,613	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	400	D	\$ 28.73	370,213	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	300	D	\$ 28.74	369,913	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	15,500	D	\$ 28.75	354,413	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	8,000	A	\$ 28.76	346,413	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 28.79	344,513	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	4,900	A	\$ 28.77	339,613	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	5,800	D	\$ 28.78	333,813	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	17,500	D	\$ 28.8	316,313	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	4,300	D	\$ 28.81	312,013	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 28.82	309,713	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	4,300	D	\$ 28.83	305,413	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	3,670	D	\$ 28.84	301,743	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 28.85	300,343	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	500	D	\$ 28.86	299,843	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 28.87	297,843	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 28.88	295,143	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	500	D	\$ 28.9	294,643	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	800	D	\$ 28.91	293,843	D
	08/10/2005	S	2,100	D	\$ 28.94	291,743	D

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common stock							
common stock	08/10/2005	S	34,600	D	\$ 28.95	257,143	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 28.96	256,043	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	5,500	D	\$ 28.97	250,543	D
common stock	08/10/2005	S	2,900	D	\$ 28.98	247,643	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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.375	08/10/2005		M	66,980	07/01/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/30/2007	common stock	66,980
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.5	08/10/2005		M	187,500	11/03/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	11/02/2007	common stock	187,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GRIFFITH G SANDERS III P. O. BOX 120	Sr. EVP, GC and Sec

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

## Signatures

Garilou Page,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/12/2005

\_\_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) The employee stock options granted to the reporting person on 7/1/1997 vested in 20% annual increments beginning on the one year anniversary of the date of grant and continuing until the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (2) The employee stock options granted to the reporting person on 11/3/1997 vested as follows: 10% on 11/3/1998, 10% on 11/3/1999, 10% on 11/3/2000, 10% on 11/3/2001 and the remaining 60% on 11/3/2002.

### Remarks:

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