## Edgar Filing: Colosimo Tom - Form 4

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November 17	, 2010										
FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION								OMB APPROVAL			
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(Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Colosimo Tom			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
()			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
111 N. WALL STREET			11/17/2010					Sec 16 Officer			
				endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SPOKANE,	WA 99201							Form filed by M Person	lore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio: any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	posed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	11/17/2010			Р	10,000	A	\$ 0.24	30,000	D		
Common Stock								7,146	I	401k Shares	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying tities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne 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				
Colosimo Tom 111 N. WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201			Sec 16 Officer					
Signatures								
/s/ Daniel G. Byrne, attorney-in-fact		11/17/2010						
**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).

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