#### STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 4 April 03, 2014

### FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

COULTER DAVID A Symb			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)		
(Last)	· · · · · ·	(Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2014			X Director Officer (gives) below)		6 Owner er (specify	
(Street) 4. If Ame			mendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SPOKANE, WA 99201			iled(Month/Day/Year)  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3.	4. SecurionAcquirec Disposec (Instr. 3,	ties l (A) o l of (D	or O)	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	04/01/2014		M	1,608	A	<u>(1)</u>	4,183	D	

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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. Transactic 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. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	04/01/2014		M	1,608	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	1,608	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
COULTER DAVID A 111 N. WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	X						

# **Signatures**

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway,
attorney-in-fact

\*\*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) Represents the vesting and settlement of 1,608 shares of Sterling common stock pursuant to restricted stock units that vested on April 1, 2014.
- Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock originally granted on April 29, 2013. The restricted stock units became 100% vested on April 1, 2014.

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