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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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2018	02/01/2018(4)	Common Stock	7,800
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2019	02/01/2019(4)	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/01/2020	02/01/2020(4)	Common Stock	5,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
and the second	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Gavin Michael E LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW. IN 46581-1387	Â	Â	EVP & CCO	Â		

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 02/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2017.
- (2) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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(4) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, <i>see</i> Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.