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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **SMITH ERNEST** Issuer Symbol FIDELITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL INC /DE/ [FNF]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/06/2005

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

Exec. VP; Co-COO

601 RIVERSIDE AVENUE (Street)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

JACKSONVILLE, FL 322404

(State)

(City)

(City)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securition Dispose		quired (A)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned Following	Direct (D) or Indirect	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported	(I)	(
					or		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/06/2005		M	11,458	A	\$ 24.1455	69,805	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2005		S	9,300	D	\$ 44.7	60,505	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2005		M	3,045	A	\$ 18.4118	63,550	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 orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 24.1455	01/06/2005		M		11,458	<u>(1)</u>	12/23/2012	Common Stock	11,458
Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 18.4118	01/06/2005		M		3,045	09/24/2004	09/24/2012	Common Stock	3,045
Stock Option (right to purchase)	(2)						(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	15,826

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

SMITH ERNEST 601 RIVERSIDE AVENUE JACKSONVILLE, FL 322404

Exec. VP; Co-COO

Signatures

Ernest D. Smith 01/10/2005

**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 options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on December 23, 2003.
- (2) Comprises options granted at various prices.

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- (3) Exercise dates vary for each of the various grants.
- (4) Expiration dates vary for each of the various grants.
- (5) Reflects Reporting Person's total Derivative Securities ownership in Fidelity National Financial, Inc. as of January 6, 2005.

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