TORCHMARK CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** RICHEY RONALD K	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) TORCHMARK	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/24/2005	(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title _X Other (specify			
CORPORATION, 2001 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH	03/24/2003	below) Chairman of Exec. Committee			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233					

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or	d 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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							927,220	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2005		S	100	D	\$ 51.76	107,650 (1)	I	By Charitable Remainder Unitrust
Common Stock	03/24/2005		S	2,100	D	\$ 51.75	105,550 (1)	I	By Charitable Remainder Unitrust

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By Spouse's Common Charitable 215,825 (1) Ι Stock Remainder Unitrust

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	nd	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				ares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RICHEY RONALD K TORCHMARK CORPORATION 2001 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233

X

Chairman of Exec. Committee

Signatures

R.K. Richey, by /s/ Carol A. McCoy, 03/28/2005 Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Reporting person continues to report beneficial ownership of all TMK stock held by charitable remainder unitrusts, but disclaims beneficial ownership except of his and/or his spouse's pecuniary interest therein.

Reporting Owners 2

Date

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