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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No__)

SIERRA BANCORP

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

82620P102

(CUSIP Number)

8/09/01

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[] Rule 13d-1(b) [] Rule 13d-1(c) [x] Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	I.R.S. IDENTI	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY). Gregory A. Childress					
2		CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [_] (b) [_]					
3	SEC USE ONLY						
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION U.S.A.						
	NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER				
	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER				
	EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 877,836				
	PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER				
9	AGGREGATE AMO	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)						
11	PERCENT OF CL	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 18.21%					
12	TYPE OF REPOR	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)					

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Item 1:	(a) (b)	Issuer: Principal Executive Offic	es:	Sierra Bancorp 86 North Main Street, Porterville, CA. 93257			
Item 2:	(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	Person Filing: Address: Citizen of the U.S.A. Class of Securities: Cusip #82620P102	12012	y A. Childress Road 200, Porterville, CA 93257 Stock, no par value			
Item 3:	N/A						
Item 4:	(a) (b) (c)(i)	Total Shares Beneficially Percentage of Ownership: Shares with Sole Voting P		1,695,548 18.21% 877,836 (includes 100,000 vested option shares)			
		Shares with Shared Voting Power: 717,712 (includes 5,280 shares and 34,440 shares owned by the Childress, Bates, Childress, Inc. Defined Pension Plan of which Mr. Childress is a trustee and a beneficiary and 677,992 shares owned by CPG Ranch, a partnership of which Mr. Childress is a partner)					
	(iii) Shares with Sole Investment Power: Same shares as Item i abo						
	(iv)	Shares with Shared Investment Power: Same shares as Item ii above					
Item 5: Item 6: Item 7: Item 8: Item 9:	N/A N/A						

Item 10: By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 11, 2002

Date

/s/Gregory A. Childress

Signature

Gregory A. Childress, Director

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