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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BIRMINGHAM MARTIN** Issuer Symbol **KEARNEY** FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC (Check all applicable) [FISI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 220 LIBERTY STREET 02/18/2011 **Executive Vice President** (Street) 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 **WARSAW, NY 14569** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common \$0 02/18/2011 A 2,890 22,887 D (1) Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | ate | Amount Underly Securiti | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title N | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BIRMINGHAM MARTIN KEARNEY 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Michael D. Grover for Martin K. Birmingham

02/23/2011

**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).

Represents a grant of restricted stock pursuant to the Company's 2009 Management Stock Incentive Plan. The award vests 50% on February 18, 2013 and 50% on February 18, 2014, subject to the achievement of the Company's performance goals for the year, subject to the participants continued employment with the company and subject to accelerated vesting upon the death of the participant. However,

(1) as long as the Company is a "TARP recipient," as defined under the Interim Final Rules, the award may become transferable only in 25% increments at the time of the Company's repayment of 25%, 50%, 75% and 100%, respectively, of the financial assistance it received under the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program, or as may be required to satisfy tax obligations incurred in connection with the vesting of the restricted shares.

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