

PATTON MICHAEL A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PATTON MICHAEL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2570 HAYDEN ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President/Financial Services

OLEAN, NY 14760

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/13/2005		M	A	\$ 15.6563	77,936	D
Common Stock	12/13/2005		M	A	\$ 14.6563	78,294	D
Common Stock	12/13/2005		S	D	\$ 23.9	77,494	D
Common Stock						2,800	I By Spouse

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 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P Der Der Sec (Ins		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Option	\$ 14.6563	12/13/2005		M	358	01/01/2000	01/01/2009	Common Stock	358	14
Stock Option	\$ 15.6563	12/13/2005		M	442	01/02/1999	01/02/2008	Common Stock	442	15

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PATTON MICHAEL A 2570 HAYDEN ROAD OLEAN, NY 14760			President/Financial Services	

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney 12/14/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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