

ODONOVAN JAMES J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

O'Donovan, James J.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

615 Merrick Avenue

(Street)

Westbury, NY 11590

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol New York Community Bancorp, Inc.

(NYB)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year January 21, 2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) -----

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director X Officer ___ 10% Owner X Other
----- (give title below) ----- (specify below)
Executive Vice President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
(Check Applicable Line)

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TABLE I--NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFIC

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (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)
				Code
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.54	01/21/2003		A

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) Non-Qualified Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in three equal annual installments commencing on January 21, 2004.

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