MFA FINANCIAL, INC.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Yaday Sunil

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2016

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Senior Vice President 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

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 12/12/2016 Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price 2,264 F D (1) 7.88

185,189 D

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Yadav Sunil C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Sunil Yadav 12/14/2016

**Signature of Person Date

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).
- (1) The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock previously granted to the Reporting Person.

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