

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
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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 \*  
 JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/25/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
Common Stock	04/25/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>	207,107 D	① 989,547 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Boyd -05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1
Common Stock	04/25/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>	197,331 D	① 1,398,208	I	By Boyd -05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #2

Common Stock	04/25/2006	J <sup>(1)</sup>	112,883	D	<u>(1)</u>	1,083,771	I	By Boyd -05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #3
Common Stock	04/25/2006	J <sup>(2)</sup>	634	D	<u>(2)</u>	240,718 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By BG-05 Limited Partnership
Common Stock						71,910 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						291,784 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By the Marianne E. Boyd Trust Dated March 7, 1989
Common Stock						9,638	I	By William & Myong Boyd Children's Trust

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION 2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE LAS VEGAS, NV 89102	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/27/2006

        Signature of Reporting 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) On April 25, 2006, each of Boyd -05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1, Boyd -05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #2 and Boyd -05 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #3 distributed the reported number of shares to its beneficiary.
  - (2) On April 25, 2006, BG-05 Limited Partnership distributed an aggregate of 1,706 shares to its limited partners (the "BG-05 Distribution"). The reporting person no longer has investment control over 634 of the shares distributed.  
  
In connection with the BG-05 Distribution, the reporting person distributed 1,054 shares to the Marianne Boyd Johnson-05 Western Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 and 18 shares to The Marianne E. Boyd Trust. At the same time, the Marianne Boyd Johnson-05 Western Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 transferred 1,054 shares to the reporting person, who in turn transferred 1,054 shares to The Marianne E. Boyd Trust. Total holdings reflect these distributions.
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