

BANTA GEOFFREY R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities 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 \*  
BANTA GEOFFREY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST  
(Street)

DERIDDER, LA 70634

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERISAFE INC [AMSF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	05/17/2011		M		5,000 A \$ 9	5,000	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	05/17/2011		S		5,000 D \$ 22.25 (1)	0	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	05/18/2011		M		5,000 A \$ 9	5,000	D
Common Stock, par	05/18/2011		S		5,000 D \$ 22.28	0	D

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value \$.01						<u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	05/19/2011		M	5,000	A	\$ 9	5,000 D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	05/19/2011		S	2,500	D	<u>\$ 22.57</u>	2,500 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)	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9	05/17/2011		M	5,000	11/17/2008 11/17/2015	Common Stock, par value \$.01	5,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9	05/18/2011		M	5,000	11/17/2008 11/17/2015	Common Stock	5,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9	05/19/2011		M	5,000	11/17/2008 11/17/2015	Common Stock	5,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BANTA GEOFFREY R 2301 HIGHWAY 190 WEST DERIDDER, LA 70634			President and COO	

## Signatures

/s/Todd Walker, attorney-in-fact for Geoffrey R.

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05/19/2011

\_\_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) The price shown is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$22.25 to \$22.29.

(2) The price shown is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$22.25 to \$22.32.

(3) The price shown is a weighted average price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$22.50 to \$22.65.

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