POPULAR INC Form 4 August 09, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SALERNO FREDERIC V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

POPULAR INC [BPOP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner

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burden hours per

P.O. BOX 362708

per share

(Month/Day/Year)

08/07/2007

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-Do | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securi | | or | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | Disposed of (D) | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | 4 and | 5) | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | (A) | | Reported | | | |
| | | | | | or | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (msu. 5 una 1) | | |
| Common Stock Par | 00/07/2007 | 00/07/2007 | J (1) | 772 | ٨ | ¢ 0 | 22.016 | D | |
| Value \$6 | 08/07/2007 | 08/07/2007 | J <u>(+)</u> | 772 | A | \$0 | 23,916 | 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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | | | ate | 7. Title Amoun Under | int of lying ities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene |
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| | Derivative Security | | | | Securities Acquired | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne Follo |
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| | | | | | of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | 4, and 3) | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SALERNO FREDERIC V P.O. BOX 362708 SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Frederic V.
Salerno

**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) Award of Restricted Stock pursuant to Popular, Inc.'s 2004 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The restriction of such restricted stock award lapses upon the retirement of the director.

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