

Valenta Ronald
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FORM 4

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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 *
Valenta Ronald

(Last) (First) (Middle)

39 EAST UNION STREET

(Street)

PASADENA, CA 91103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
General Finance CORP [GFN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/13/2012

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)

Director & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 01/13/2012 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 2.59 | 4,388,167 | I | Purchase for Minor Child A's Account |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 2.75 | 4,388,667 | I | Purchase for Minor Child A's Account |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 2.75 | 4,389,167 | I | Purchase for Minor Child A's Account |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | P | 100 | A | \$ 2.75 | 4,389,267 | I | Purchase for Minor Child A's Account |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | P | 100 | A | \$ 2.75 | 4,389,367 | I | Purchase for Minor Child A's Account |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 2.75 | 4,390,367 | I | Purchase for Minor Child A's Account |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | P | 300 | A | \$ 2.78 | 4,390,667 | I | Purchase for Minor Child B's Account |

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 Number Shares |
| Warrants | \$ 4 | 06/25/2010 | | A | 740,000 (1) | 06/25/2010 | 05/26/2013 | Common Stock | 370,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.06 | 09/15/2010 | | A | 80,000 (2) | 06/30/2014 | 09/15/2020 | Common Stock | 80,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.11 | 08/25/2011 | | A | 80,000 (3) | 09/30/2014 | 08/25/2021 | Common Stock | 80,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Valenta Ronald 39 EAST UNION STREET PASADENA, CA 91103 | X | X | Director & CEO | |

Signatures

Ronald F.
Valenta

01/17/2012

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) These warrants were issued as a component of Units that were issued as of June 25, 2010 pursuant to the rights offering of General Finance Corporation.
- (2) See attached document "rider.txt" for explanation of Footnote 2.
- (3) See attached document "rider2.txt" for explanation of Footnote 3.

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