

LAWRENCE JAMES G
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LAWRENCE JAMES G

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
[VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1455 VALLEY ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					228,723 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					16,004	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					903	I	CUSTODIAN FOR SON
Common Stock					20,436	I	Executor
Common Stock	01/31/2006	02/02/2006	P	860	A	\$	1,657 23.46
						I	Spouse and Self/custodians for

grandchildren

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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 21.7429					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	5,065
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	5,789
Stock Option	\$ 24.68					11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	14,500
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	13,230
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381					11/26/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	12,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LAWRENCE JAMES G 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

JAMES G
LAWRENCE

02/03/2006

__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) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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