

DE ALVAREZ BRUNILDA SANTOS  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DE ALVAREZ BRUNILDA SANTOS  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 POPULAR INC [BPOP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP and Chief Legal Officer

C/O BANCO POPULAR DE PUERTO RICO, P O BOX 362708  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2005

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

SAN JUAN, PR 00936-2708  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/31/2005	12/31/2005	J <sup>(1)</sup>	496 A \$ 0	31,877	D	Â
Common Stock Par Value \$6 per share	12/31/2005	12/31/2005	A <sup>(2)</sup>	480 A \$ 0	32,357	D	Â

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. of Derivative Security. Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Relationships sub-columns include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and Other. Entry for DE ALVAREZ BRUNILDA SANTOS with relationships in Officer and Other.

Signatures

Brunilda Santos de Alvarez 02/13/2006

\*\*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) Acquired under Popular, Inc.'s Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan in exempt transactions pursuant Rule 16(a)-11 during calendar year 2005.
(2) Acquired under Banco Popular de Puerto Rico Employees' Stock Ownership Plan in exempt transactions pursuant to Rule 16(b)(3) during calendar year 2005.

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