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(Print or Type R	Responses)										
CARPENTER HAROLD R Syr			Symbol	•				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC [PNFP]					(Check all applicable)					
(Month.				te of Earliest Transaction th/Day/Year) 5/2012				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP & CFO			
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	(Street)			ndment, Dat h/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by I	One Reporting Po	erson	
	E, TN 37201							Person		eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					ties Ac	quired, Disposed o		-	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executi any		Code (Instr. 8)		l (A) of l of (E 4 and (A) or))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
PNFP				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Insu: 5 and 4)			
Common Stock	03/15/2012			А	455 <u>(1)</u>	А	\$0	73,892 <u>(2)</u>	D		
PNFP Common Stock								21,000	Ι	IRA	
PNFP Common Stock								8,184	Ι	401(k)	

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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	\$\$	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
CARPENTER HAROLD R 150 THIRD AVE SOUTH SUITE 900 NASHVILLE, TN 37201			EVP & CFO						
Signatures									
/s/ Harold R.	03/16/2012								

Carpenter Date <u>**</u>Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Restricted stock units that were awarded, effective 3/15/2012, by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to a Salary Stock Unit Award Agreement (the "Agreement"), the form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Form 8-K") filed with the Securities and

- (1) Exchange Commission on March 2, 2011. The restricted stock units are immediately vested and are payable solely in a like number of shares of the Company's common stock on, or as soon as administratively practical following, December 30, 2012, or if earlier the reporting person's death (the "Settlement Date"), but in no event later than two and one-half months following the Settlement Date. For additional information regarding the restricted stock units please see the Form 8-K and the copy of the Agreement filed therewith.
- (2) Includes 2,168 restricted salary stock units granted to the reporting person in 2012.

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