

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/
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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 *
 AMES CARMEN HOLDING

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/29/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

2220 WHITE OAK ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

RALEIGH, NC 27608

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 25,129 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 122,800 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Held by family trusts ⁽²⁾ |
| Class B Common Stock | 12/29/2008 | | G | V 145 A \$ 0 726 | | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 62,437 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Held by family |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|-----|--|---|---|
| Stock | | | | | | | trusts ⁽²⁾ |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | 217 | | I | By trust for Sheppard K. Ames IV |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | 106 | | I | By Trust for Carolyn R. Ames |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | 111 | | I | By Trust for Carolyn R. Ames |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AMES CARMEN HOLDING 2220 WHITE OAK ROAD RALEIGH, NC 27608 | X | | | |

Signatures

Carmen Holding Ames, By: William R. Lathan, Jr.,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/29/2008

__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) Excludes additional shares of Issuer's stock held by another trust of which the reporting person is sole beneficiary with no investment or voting control.
- (2) The reporting person is the sole beneficiary of the trust, but she has limited investment control, subject to discretion of the trustees, and she disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the trust except to the extent of her pecuniary interest therein.

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