

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**PARDES ROBERT M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
 [OCFC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**975 HOOPER AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/25/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President**

**TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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                    | 04/25/2006                           |  | P                              | 890 A \$ 23.36  | 4,765   | I  | By SERP                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,417 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,698 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k)                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,019 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I  | By ESOP                           |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 12.87   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/18/2001 08/18/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 18,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 17.88   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/20/2003 02/20/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 33,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 23.44   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/30/2004 05/30/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 33,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 22.53   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/28/2005 05/28/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 30,000                        |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 23.07   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/19/2006 01/19/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 990                           |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 20.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/20/2006 04/20/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 1,098                         |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/15/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/15/2016                     | Common Stock  | 30,000                        |

