PRESSEY WALTER M

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PRESSEY WALTER M	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [BPFH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
BOSTON, MA 02109		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deer Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution	ned 3. 4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature Securities Ownership Indirect

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y 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. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/06/2006		M	7,625	A	\$ 22.26	85,905	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2006		M	12,000	A	\$ 16.72	97,905	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2006		S	9,041 (4)	D	\$ 30.48	88,864	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2006		S	959 (4)	D	\$ 30.48	87,905	D	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.26	02/06/2006		M	7,625	01/17/2003 <u>(1)</u>	01/17/2012	Common Stock	7,62	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.72	02/06/2006		M	12,000	02/14/2003(2)	02/14/2013	Common Stock	12,0	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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PRESSEY WALTER M TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	X		President				

Signatures

/s/ Margaret W. Chambers, attorney-in-fact for Mr.

Pressey

02/08/2006

**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) Vests in equal installments of 25% beginning on date of grant

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- (2) Vests in equal installments of 33% beginning on date of grant
- (3) Options exercised pursuant to Mr. Pressey's 10b5-1 plan.
- (4) Shares sold pursuant to Mr. Pressey's 10b5-1 plan

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