

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC  
 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 \*  
 ROSS TIMOTHY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice Pres, Bus. Development

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6635 KIRKVILLE ROAD, P.O. BOX 178  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/10/2006

EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057

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

(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
Common Stock	03/10/2006		M			30,000	A	\$ 12.4165	37,400	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		M			4,500	A	\$ 6.625	41,900	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		M			5,500	A	\$ 5.7291	47,400	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S			10,000	A	\$ 19.0505	37,400	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S			15,000	A	\$ 18.8655	22,400	D	

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Common Stock    03/10/2006    S    15,000    A    \$ 19.0666    7,400    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. 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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 12.4165	03/10/2006		M		30,000		11/02/1999	11/02/2009	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option	\$ 6.625	03/10/2006		M		4,500		11/10/1997	11/10/2007	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option	\$ 5.7291	03/10/2006		M		5,500		11/19/1998	11/19/2008	Common Stock	5,500

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

ROSS TIMOTHY  
6635 KIRKVILLE ROAD  
P.O. BOX 178  
EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057

Vice Pres, Bus.  
Development

## Signatures

David M. Ferrara, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney

03/13/2006

\_\_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).

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