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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Transactions Reported

securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

DAVEY STEPHEN P S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)		(Month	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2005				Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT			
1455 VALL					6 Individual on Idint/Comm. Describe					
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
WAYNE, NJ 07470- _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person Person										
(City)	(State) (Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Der	ivative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, i any (Month/Day/Year	Code	4. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) o d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,428 (1)	D	Â	
Common Stock (401K Plan)	12/30/2005	Â	J <u>(2)</u>	113	A	\$0	446 (3)	D	Â	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	of Deri Secu Acqu (A) of Disp of (I	Number Expiration Date		te Underlying		Securities
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 19.3333	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/12/2002	02/12/2011	Common Stock	1,520
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	2,170
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	2,605
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	2,481
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	2,363

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DAVEY STEPHEN P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	Â	Â	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Â		

Signatures

STEPHEN P.
DAVEY

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- (3) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (1) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match

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