

AVERITT RICHARD G  
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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 \*  
 AVERITT RICHARD G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC [RJF]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 880 CARILLON PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/04/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 CEO - RJFS

ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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                    | 03/04/2008                           |  | P                              | 1,000 (1) \$ 19.22  | 261,967   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 40,335 (2)  | I  | 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 16.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/04/2006 02/04/2009                                    | Common Stock  | 7,200                         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 16.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/04/2008 02/04/2009                                    | Common Stock  | 10,800 <sup>(3)</sup>         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 24.9733   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/01/2008 02/01/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 15,000 <sup>(4)</sup>         |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 30.44   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/27/2010 01/27/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 15,000 <sup>(5)</sup>         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer    | Other |
| AVERITT RICHARD G<br>880 CARILLON PARKWAY<br>ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716 |               |           | CEO - RJFS |       |

## Signatures

Richard G.  
Averitt

03/04/2008

\_\_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) Shares purchased through the Company's ESPP
- (2) Includes number of shares acquired under ESOP through 03/03/2008
- (3) Options currently exercisable - 5,400 on 1/04/2008, Options Becoming exercisable - and 5,400 on 1/04/2009
- (4) Options Becoming exercisable - 3,750 on 12/01/2008, 3,750 on 12/01/2009, 3,750 on 12/01/2010 and 3,750 on 2/01/2011
- (5) Options Becoming exercisable - 9,000 on 11/27/2010, 208 on 11/27/2011, 2,792 on 1/27/2012 and 3,000 on 1/27/2013

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