Strickland F Justin Form 4 November 20, 2008

### FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strickland F Justin			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC [SFST]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) P.O. BOX 79	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2008	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
COLUMBIA, SC 29202				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative s	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/19/2008		P	469	A	\$ 8.75	5,569	D	
Common Stock	11/20/2008		P	231	A	\$ 8.75	5,800	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)

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						Exercisable	*	Title Number			
						Exercisable Date	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Strickland F Justin

P.O. BOX 7908 President

COLUMBIA, SC 29202

### **Signatures**

F. Justin Strickland,/s/Julie A. 11/20/2008 Fairchild, POA

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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