

GILLILAND THOMAS C
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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 *
GILLILAND THOMAS C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS
INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PO BOX 398
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/26/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2006 | | A | 2,000 (1) A \$ 0 | 88,860 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 19,088.786 | I | By 401k |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,225 | I | Cust FBO Thomas C. Gilliland, Jr. (Son) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,225 | I | Cust FBO Jason W. Gilliland |

Common Stock 415,556 ⁽²⁾ I (Son) Candace W. Gilliland (Spouse)

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 28.85 | 04/26/2006 | | A | 10,000 | 04/26/2007 ⁽³⁾ 04/26/2016 | Common Stock 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GILLILAND THOMAS C PO BOX 398 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514 | X | | EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns | |

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney 04/28/2006
 **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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- (1) 2006 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on the anniversary date of May 31, beginning in the Year 2007.
- (2) Includes 415,556 shares owned by Mr. Gilliland's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.
- (3) 2006 Stock Option Grants vest over four consecutive years at 25% on each anniversary date.

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