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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 *
 Cruse Kenneth Edward

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 120 VANTIS, SUITE 350
 (Street)

ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. [SHO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | A | 171,726 | A (1) 787,678 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2013 | | F | 8,583 | D (2) 779,095 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2013 | | F | 6,917 | D (3) 772,178 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2013 | | F | 5,342 | D (4) 766,836 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,215 | I | Family Trust |

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On February 17, 2013, 18,859 restricted shares of common stock (awarded to the Reporting Person on February 17, 2011) vested, and 6,917 shares of common stock were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The closing price on February 15, 2013 (as February 17, 2013 fell on a weekend) of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. on the New York Stock Exchange was \$11.79 per share.

- (4) On February 18, 2013, 14,564 restricted shares of common stock (awarded to the Reporting Person on February 18, 2010) vested, and 5,342 shares of common stock were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The closing price on February 15, 2013 (as February 18, 2013 fell on a holiday) of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. on the New York Stock Exchange was \$11.79 per share.

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