

SMITH ERNEST
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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 *
SMITH ERNEST

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIDELITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL INC /DE/ [FNF]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
601 RIVERSIDE AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2005

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP; Co-COO

JACKSONVILLE, FL 322404

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2005 | | M | 16,888 A \$ 16.3814 | 38,888 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2005 | | S | 16,888 D \$ 36.83 | 22,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,850 | I | Ernest and Robin Smith Family Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,994 | I | Reportin Person's |

ESPP and
401(k)
Accounts
(1)

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to purchase) | \$ 16.3814 | 12/29/2005 | | M | 16,888 | 12/23/2005 12/23/2012 | Common Stock 16,888 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| SMITH ERNEST 601 RIVERSIDE AVENUE JACKSONVILLE, FL 322404 | Exec. VP; Co-COO |

Signatures

Ernest D. Smith 12/29/2005

**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) Includes 1,153 shares owned by Reporting Person's spouse.

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(2) Reflects Reporting Person's total Derivative Securities ownership in Fidelity National Financial, Inc. as of December 29, 2005.

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