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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Donovan James Rickard | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Staten (Month/Day/Year 11/12/2019 | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 1387 | | | | Relationship of Reporting Persi (Check all applicable) Director | | on(s) to Issue | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | |
| (Street) WARSAW | IN | 46581-1387 | | | X Officer (give title below) SVP, General Co | | Other (specify below) punsel | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | | int of Securities ially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Secur | | | 4. Conversion or Exercise | | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiratior Date | n Title | 3 | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

11/19/2019

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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