FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Pruitt Kristin							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 52041 C	ust) (First) (Middle) 041 CARDING MILL CT					Date 0 /10/2	of Earlies 1009	st Tra	nsact	tion (Mo	nth/D	ay/Year)			-	below)	(give title Senior Vi	ce Pre	Other (s below) esident	pecify		
(Street) GRANGER IN 46530					4.1	f Ame	endment	, Date	e of C	Original F	Filed (Month/Day	Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting								
(City) (State) (Zip)																	Person					
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Dat					saction /Day/Y		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)					es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price	Transact	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common	Stock															9	98		I 401(k) Plan			
			Table II -									sed of, onvertib				Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day)	Date, T	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amount of		unt of rities rlying ative So		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	Ownersl Form: Illy Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr.	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e rcisable		oiration e	Title	0 N 0	lumber							
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$0	03/10/2009			A		2,000		03/	15/2012	03/	15/2012 ⁽¹⁾	Comi Sto		2,000	\$0	2,000	0	D			
Stock Options (Right to	\$24.05								05/	14/2013	05	/14/2018	Comi		5,000		5,000	0	D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.
- 2. The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

03/27/2009

<u>in-Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 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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