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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SEIBLY JOHN GREGORY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/[STSA]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/04/2014

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

CEO/President - SFC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X 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

SPOKANE, WA 99201

Security

(Instr. 3)

111 N. WALL STREET

(City) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Reported

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (In Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Restricted Common (2) (2) 15,784 (1) 04/04/2014 Α 15,784 Stock Unit Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SEIBLY JOHN GREGORY | *** | | GEO TO 11 GEG | |
| 111 N. WALL STREET | X | | CEO/President - SFC | |
| SPOKANE WA 99201 | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway,
attorney-in-fact

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock.
- The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 100% on April 4, 2016, two years from the grant's anniversary date, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sterling on such date. The restricted stock units are issued under and governed by the terms of Sterling's 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan.

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