

BESSANT THOMAS A JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
BESSANT THOMAS A JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CASH AMERICA
INTERNATIONAL INC [CSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1600 W. 7TH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/28/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP - CFO

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.10	01/28/2009		A	17,457 (1) A \$ 0	50,512	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10					11,559	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10					5,586.6282	I	Benefit Plans

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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)	8. Priority (Instr. 3)
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 7.95					07/28/2003 01/23/2012	Common 25,000	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.41					12/10/2003 01/22/2013	Common 50,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BESSANT THOMAS A JR 1600 W. 7TH STREET FORT WORTH, TX 76102			Exec. VP - CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas A. Bessant, Jr. 01/29/2009

**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).

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Of the 17,457 shares (a) 12,620 shares shall vest in 25% increments on February 27, 2010 and on January 31st of each of the next three (1) years beginning on January 31, 2011 and (b) from 0 to 100% of the remaining 4,837 shares will be eligible to vest on January 1, 2012 subject to the Issuer's achieving certain financial performance goals.

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