

Gardunio James F  
Form 5  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Gardunio James F**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SIERRA BANCORP [BSRR]**

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

**86 N. MAIN STREET**  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**S.V.P./Chief Credit Officer**

**PORTERVILLE, CA 93257**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			

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	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security				or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A)	(D)				
Common Stock	\$ 19.19	11/20/2008	Â	A	2,000	Â	11/20/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/20/2018	Common Stock	2,000
Common Stock	\$ 22.74	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/21/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/21/2015	Common Stock	25,000
Common Stock	\$ 26.58	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11/15/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/15/2017	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gardunio James F 86 N. MAIN STREET PORTERVILLE, CA 93257	Â	Â	Â S.V.P./Chief Credit Officer	Â

## Signatures

By: L. Diane Rotondo,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2009

\*\*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).

Represents date on which first installment of the reported option becomes exercisable. All options reported become cumulatively (1) exercisable in installments of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of grant and ending five years before the expiration of the option.

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