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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC [EBSB] A Derderian Gregory (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 10 MERIDIAN STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person EAST BOSTON, MAÂ 02128 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Treasurer and CFO Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. 6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Security Direct	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect		

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Derderian Gregory

10 MERIDIAN STREET Â Â Â Treasurer and CFO Â

EAST BOSTON, MAÂ 02128

Signatures

/s/ Gregory Derderian 10/23/2009

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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