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response...

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Derderian Gregory

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC [EBSB]

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

10 MERIDIAN STREET

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

Treasurer and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

EAST BOSTON, MA 02128

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

3,500

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 10/27/2009 Stock

3,500 A A \$0 (1)

D

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 8.99	10/27/2009		A	10,000	10/27/2010	10/27/2019	Common Stock	10,000 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Derderian Gregory

10 MERIDIAN STREET Treasurer and CFO

EAST BOSTON, MA 02128

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence Spaccasi, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 11/02/2009

**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).
- (1) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.
- (2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

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