

SALEM MEDIA GROUP, INC. /DE/
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Santrella David P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SALEM MEDIA GROUP, INC.
 /DE/ [SALM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/12/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President - Broadcast Media

CAMARILLO, CA 93012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Class A Common Stock | 07/12/2016 | | M | 827 (1) A | \$ 2.74 | 7,547 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 07/12/2016 | | S | 827 (1) D | \$ 8.03 | 6,720 | 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)

| 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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.74 | 07/12/2016 | | M | 700 | 03/07/2015 03/07/2020 | Class A Common Stock | 700 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.74 | 07/12/2016 | | M | 127 | 03/07/2016 03/07/2021 | Class A Common Stock | 127 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Santrella David P 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | President - Broadcast Media | |

Signatures

/s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for David P. Santrella pursuant to a continuing Power of Attorney

07/12/2016

__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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 31, 2016.

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