

Cruse Kenneth Edward
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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 *
 Cruse Kenneth Edward

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 120 VANTIS, SUITE 350
 (Street)

ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. [SHO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2011		A	56,579 A 11 236,247		D	
Common Stock	02/18/2011		F	5,342 D 12 230,905		D	
Common Stock					5,215	I	Family Trust

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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	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)					

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cruse Kenneth Edward 120 VANTIS SUITE 350 ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656			President & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E.
Cruse

 **Signature of Reporting Person Date
 02/18/2011

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) On February 17, 2011, Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. (the "Company") granted 56,579 restricted shares of common stock to the Reporting Person pursuant to its 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Such shares are subject to the satisfaction of vesting requirements over a three-year period.
 - (2) On February 18, 2011, 14,565 restricted shares of common stock (awarded to the Reporting Person on February 18, 2010) vested and 5,342 shares of common stock were withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations. The closing price on February 18, 2011 of common stock of Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. on the New York Stock Exchange was \$10.90 per share.

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