STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DANTONI DAVID J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP [STFC]

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NAPLES, FL 34109

8651 BLUE FLAG WAY

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

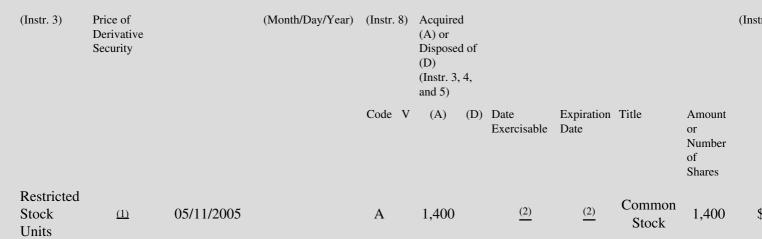
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Conversion Deri (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code Securities Secu any

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DANTONI DAVID J 8651 BLUE FLAG WAY NAPLES, FL 34109	X			

Signatures

David J. D'Antoni by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission on 5-25-95

05/11/2005

**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) Each restricted share unit represents a right to receive one share of STFC common stock.
- The Restricted Share Units become payable, in cash or common shares, at the election of the reporting person, upon the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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