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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 WASHINGTON MUTUAL INC ["WM"] SAUNDERS JOSEPH W (Month/Day/Year) 06/05/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1201 THIRD AVENUE (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 SEATTLE, WAÂ 98101 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP and Pres. WM Card Services 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) D Â Common 61,964 Common 122,177 I By Trust 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 information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------|--|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (1) | 01/25/2015 | Common | 126,000 | \$ 36.73 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (2) | 10/03/2015 | Common | 152,982 | \$ 39.22 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (2) | 01/20/2016 | Common | 38,900 | \$ 43.33 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SAUNDERS JOSEPH W 1201 THIRD AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98101 | Â | Â | EVP and Pres. WM Card Services | Â | | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Christopher J. Bellavia, Attorney-in-Fact 06/15/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Option granted pursuant to the Providian Financial Corporation 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, a predecessor to the Washington Mutual, Inc. 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. Fully vested.
- (2) Option granted pursuant to the Washington Mutual, Inc. 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. One-third vests annually beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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