

SIERRA BANCORP  
Form SC 13G  
February 12, 2004

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Sierra Bancorp

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

82620P102

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(CUSIP Number)

12/31/03

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Gregory A. Childress

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group\*

(a) ..

(b) ..

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3. SEC Use Only

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

U.S.

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5. Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF

980,816

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SHARES

6. Shared Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

705,272

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EACH

7. Sole Dispositive Power

REPORTING

PERSON

980,816

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WITH

8. Shared Dispositive Power

705,272

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

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1,693,668

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10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares\*

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

18.10%

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12. Type of Reporting Person\*

IN

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- Item 1:** (a) Issuer:  
Sierra Bancorp
- (b) Principal Executive Offices:  
86 North Main Street,  
Porterville, CA. 93257
- Item 2:** (a) Person Filing:  
Gregory A. Childress
- (b) Address:  
12012 Road 200, Porterville, CA. 93257
- (c) Citizen of the U.S.A.
- (d) Class of Securities:  
Common Stock, no par value
- (e) CUSIP Number:  
  
#82620P102
- Item 3:** N/A
- Item 4:** (a) Total Shares Beneficially Owned: 1,693,668
- (b) Percentage Ownership: 18.10%
- (c) (i) Shares with Sole Voting Power: 980,816 (includes 100,000 vested option shares)
- (ii) Shares with Shared Voting Power: 705,272
- (iii) Shares with Sole Investment Power: Same shares as Item i above
- (iv) Shares with Shared Investment Power: Same shares as Item ii above
- Item 5:** N/A
- Item 6:** N/A
- Item 7:** N/A
- Item 8:** N/A
- Item 9:** N/A
- Item 10:** N/A

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

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Dated: February 9, 2004

/s/ Gregory A. Childress

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Gregory A. Childress

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