

KASITZ KEVIN  
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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 \*  
**KASITZ KEVIN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1000**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/08/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President; COO**

**FORT WORTH, TX 76102**

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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		
COMMON STOCK	12/08/2008		M	V	\$ 16,667	A	D
					3.42		

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)**

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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)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					(1) 05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK 37,5
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					(2) 05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK 75,0
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.34					(3) 05/25/2016	COMMON STOCK 16,6
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 7.14					(4) 05/27/2015	COMMON STOCK 16,6
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 3.42	12/08/2008		M	1,667	(5) 01/26/2009	COMMON STOCK 16,6

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

KASITZ KEVIN  
777 MAIN STREET  
SUITE 1000  
FORT WORTH, TX 76102

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Executive Vice President; COO

## Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR KEVIN  
KASITZ

12/09/2008

\_\_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) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 3,750, 7,500, 11,250 and 15,000 shares on May 22, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
- (2) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 7,500, 15,000, 22,500 and 30,000 shares on May 24, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.
- (3) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 25, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.
- (4) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 27, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.
- (5) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on January 26, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively.

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