

UNITED SECURITY BANCSHARES
 Form 4
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Woods	Dennis	R.	United Security Bancshares UBFO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Year	
					12/2001	
					President and CEO	
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
					<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
					<input type="checkbox"/> 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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/14/01	G		1,800	D 16.50	4,796	I
Common Stock	12/14/01	M		5,000	A 6.08	302,798	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Over)

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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)	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)		
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	6.08	12/14/01	X			5,000		10/10/00	10/10/06

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 at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Common Stock 5,000

Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Dennis R. Woods

01/07/02

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.