

Dowling Michael D
Form 3
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FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Dowling Michael D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/17/2011

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC [SFST]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

P.O. BOX 17465

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Executive Vice President, CFO

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

GREENVILLE,Â SCÂ 29606

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Expiration
Exercisable Date

Title Amount or
Number of
Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dowling Michael D P.O. BOX 17465 GREENVILLE, SC 29606	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President, CFO	Â

Signatures

Michael D. Dowling, /s/Julie A. Fairchild, POA	05/05/2011
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Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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