

Casteel Marty  
Form 4  
February 28, 2012

**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31, 2015  
Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Casteel Marty

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP, 501 MAIN STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/27/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP

PINE BLUFF, AR 71603

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

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) |        |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount or Price (A) or (D)  |  |                                   |        |   |  |
| SFNC                            | 02/27/2012                           |  |                                | A   | 2,125<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 26.68                          | 19,459 | D |  |
| SFNC                            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 1,255  | D |  |
| SFNC                            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 9,221  | D |  |
| SFNC                            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 4,522  | D |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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 currently valid OMB control

SEC 1474 (9-02)

Edgar Filing: Casteel Marty - Form 4

number.

**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) | 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) |        |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 23.78   | 07/26/2004                           |  | X                              | 0   | 12/31/2005   | 07/26/2014  | Common | 2,000                      |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 24.5  | 05/23/2005                           |  | X                              | 0   | 12/31/2005   | 05/24/2015  | Common | 920                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 26.19   | 05/22/2006                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/22/2007   | 05/20/2016  | Common | 200                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 26.19   | 05/22/2006                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/22/2008   | 05/20/2016  | Common | 200                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 26.19   | 05/22/2006                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/22/2009   | 05/20/2016  | Common | 200                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 26.19   | 05/22/2006                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/22/2010   | 05/20/2016  | Common | 200                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 26.19   | 05/22/2006                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/22/2011   | 05/20/2016  | Common | 200                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 28.42   | 05/31/2007                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/31/2008   | 05/31/2017  | Common | 240                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 28.42   | 05/31/2007                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/31/2009   | 05/31/2017  | Common | 240                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 28.42   | 05/31/2007                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/31/2010   | 05/31/2017  | Common | 240                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 28.42   | 05/31/2007                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/31/2011   | 05/31/2017  | Common | 240                        |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 28.42   | 05/31/2007                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/31/2012   | 05/31/2017  | Common | 240                        |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 30.31   | 05/29/2008                           |  | X                              | 0   | 05/29/2009   | 05/28/2018  | Common | 842                        |

Edgar Filing: Casteel Marty - Form 4

|                            |          |            |   |   |            |            |        |     |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|---|---|------------|------------|--------|-----|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2010 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 842 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2011 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 842 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2012 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 842 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2013 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 842 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Casteel Marty<br>SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP<br>501 MAIN STREET<br>PINE BLUFF, AR 71603 |               |           | EVP     |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Marty Casteel by Piper P.  
Erwin

02/28/2012

\_\_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) Shares will vest evenly over the next five years

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.