

THIGPEN CARL S  
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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 \*  
THIGPEN CARL S

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH  
(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP [PL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/29/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 8,877.2548                                                                                    | D <sup>(1)</sup>                                         |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 8,172.1212                                                                                    | I                                                        | By 401(k) <sup>(2)</sup>                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 5,750.13                                                                                      | I                                                        | Deferred Compensation <sup>(3)</sup>                  |

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)

| 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                                       | Amount or Number of Shares |
| <u>SAR14</u><br>(4)                        | \$ 38.59                                               | 02/29/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 3,325                                                                                   | 02/28/2009                                               | 02/28/2018                                                    | SAR                                                         | 3,325                      |
| <u>SAR14a</u><br>(4)                       | \$ 38.59                                               | 02/29/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 3,325                                                                                   | 02/28/2010                                               | 02/28/2018                                                    | SAR                                                         | 3,325                      |
| <u>SAR14b</u><br>(4)                       | \$ 38.59                                               | 02/29/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 3,325                                                                                   | 02/28/2011                                               | 02/28/2018                                                    | SAR                                                         | 3,325                      |
| <u>SAR14c</u><br>(4)                       | \$ 38.59                                               | 02/29/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 3,325                                                                                   | 02/29/2012                                               | 02/28/2018                                                    | SAR                                                         | 3,325                      |
| <u>SAR 10</u><br>(5)                       | \$ 41.05                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 03/04/2010                                               | 03/04/2015                                                    | SAR                                                         | 35,000                     |
| <u>SAR 11</u><br>(5)                       | \$ 43.46                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 03/05/2008                                               | 03/05/2017                                                    | SAR                                                         | 1,850                      |
| <u>SAR 11a</u><br>(5)                      | \$ 43.46                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 03/05/2009                                               | 03/05/2017                                                    | SAR                                                         | 1,850                      |
| <u>SAR 11b</u><br>(5)                      | \$ 43.46                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 03/05/2010                                               | 03/05/2017                                                    | SAR                                                         | 1,850                      |
| <u>SAR 11c</u><br>(5)                      | \$ 43.46                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 03/05/2011                                               | 03/05/2017                                                    | SAR                                                         | 1,850                      |
| <u>SAR 4</u><br>(5)                        | \$ 32                                                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 03/04/2007                                               | 03/04/2012                                                    | SAR                                                         | 15,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address           | Relationships |           |             |       |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
|                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |
| THIGPEN CARL S<br>2801 HIGHWAY 280 SOUTH |               |           | EVP and CIO |       |

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

## Signatures

By: by Harriette Hyché  
Attorney-in-Fact for

03/04/2008

\_\_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) 2000 Restricted Stock Units reported previously. Includes dividend shares acquired under the Long-Term Incentive Plan (exempt under Rule 16b-3).
- (2) Total shares held by reporting person in PLC's 401(k) & Stock Ownership Plan as of 2/29/08.
- (3) Shares acquired through PLC Def. Comp. Plan for Officers of the Corporation (exempt under Rule 16b-3). Total amount in Col. 5 includes dividend shares acquired under the PLC Def. Comp. Plan for Officers exempt under Rule 16-a 11.
- (4) Stock Appreciation Right awarded under the Protective Life Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan in transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 becoming exercisable in equal installments over four years beginning 2/28/09.
- (5) Previously reported Stock Appreciation Right (SAR).

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