

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
 RIPPEON DAVID E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2004

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

RIPPEON, DAVID E., 101 CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

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

GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

(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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					9,361 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					543 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Wife
Common Stock					1,313 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Wife as Cust
Common Stock					4,095	I	In IRA
Common Stock					1,050	I	In Wife's IRA

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 12/13/2010	Common Stock	1,113
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 12/11/2012	Common Stock	840
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 12/21/2011	Common Stock	662
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38	12/15/2004		A	1,125	12/15/2004 12/15/2014	Common Stock	1,125
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 12/17/2013	Common Stock	704

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

RIPPEON DAVID E  
RIPPEON, DAVID E. X  
101 CENTRAL AVENUE  
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877

## Signatures

/s/ Theresa A. Cornish 12/17/2004  
by POA

\_\_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) Includes voluntarily reported shares acquired via dividend reinvestment through 12/31/03.

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