WHITTET ALFRED S

Form 4

November 27, 2012

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

WHITTET ALFRED S

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM

(Check all applicable)

INC [CBU]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

5085 HARMONY CIRCLE, UNIT #

(Street)

(First)

301

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

11/26/2012

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

VERO BEACH, FL 32967

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

2. 1. Title of Derivative Security Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities

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| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Yea | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|-----|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | / (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou Numb Shares |
| Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation) | <u>(1)</u> | 11/26/2012 | | A | 22.1648 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 22.10 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| WHITTET ALFRED S 5085 HARMONY CIRCLE UNIT # 301 VERO BEACH, FL 32967 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Alfred S. Whittet

11/27/2012

**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).

Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates selected by the reporting person.

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