

Pinnacle Entertainment, 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 *
 SANFILIPPO ANTHONY
 MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PINNACLE
 ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3980
 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. [PNK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/28/2016

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)
 Chief Executive Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/28/2016		A ⁽¹⁾		131,990 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 355,000 D
Common Stock	04/28/2016		A ⁽²⁾		131,870 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 0 486,870 D
Common Stock					486,214	I	By Sanfilippo Family Trust
Common Stock					200,000	I	By Grantor Retained

Class of Securities	Quantity	Code	Beneficial Owner
Common Stock	1,500	I	Annuity Trust By Daughter
Common Stock	1,500	I	By Daughter
Common Stock	1,503	I	By 401(k) Plan

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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51	04/28/2016		A	290,910	(3)		04/28/2023		Common Stock	290,910

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANFILIPPO ANTHONY MICHAEL C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3980 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for Anthony M. Sanfilippo

04/29/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The securities reported are restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2017.

(2) The securities reported are restricted stock with performance conditions that vest on December 31, 2018.

(3) The stock options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2017.

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