COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

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(Middle)

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kingsley Scott Allen

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM,

INC. [CBU]

(Month/Day/Year)

03/15/2017

Director 10% Owner

Chief Financial Officer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

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

> > (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

DEWITT, NY 13214

(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

(A)

\$0

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

37,469

Code V Amount (D)

3.

Price

4. Securities

D

By 401(k)

Common Stock

Stock

Common

03/15/2017

Α 1,752 Α

4,929.5907 (1) I

Plan

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title o Derivativ Security (Instr. 3)		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 I S (
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 57.12	03/15/2017	A	7,853	(2)	03/15/2027	Common Stock	7,853	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kingsley Scott Allen C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Scott A. Kingsley

03/16/2017

8. I De Sec (In

**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) The number of shares reported herein were acquired pursuant to Community Bank System, Inc.'s 401(K) Plan and are based on a current plan statement.
- (2) The option vests ratably on March 15, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

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