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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement M&T BANK CORP [MTB] Ford Gregory L (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ONE M&T PLAZA (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person BUFFALO, ÂNYÂ 14203 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One **Executive Vice President** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Common Stock 4,880 Common Stock 2,118 I 401(k) Plan (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/16/2011	Common Stock	1,523	\$ 65.8	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/15/2012	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 75.8	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	(3)	01/21/2013	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 80.23	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	(4)	01/20/2014	Common Stock	17,227	\$ 91.75	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	(5)	01/18/2015	Common Stock	12,374	\$ 101.8	D	Â
Phantom Common Stock Units	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	4	\$ <u>(6)</u>	I	Supplemental 401(k) Plan (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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Ford Gregory L ONE M&T PLAZA	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â		
BUFFALO. NY 14203						

Signatures

By: Brian R. Yoshida, Esq. (Attorney-In-Fact)

01/19/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 information presented is as of January 17, 2006.
- (2) Currently exercisable.
- (3) The option included a total of 20,000 shares. 6,000 of the covered shares are currently exercisable; an additional 6,000 of the covered shares are exercisable on or after January 21, 2006; and the remaining 8,000 covered shares are exercisable on or after January 21, 2007.
- The option included a total of 17,227 shares. 1,722 of the covered shares are currently exercisable; an additional 3,446 of the covered (4) shares are exercisable on or after January 20, 2006; an additional 5,168 of the covered shares are exercisable on or after January 20, 2007; and the remaining 6,891 covered shares are exercisable on or after January 20, 2008.
- The option included a total of 12,374 shares. 1,237 of the covered shares are currently exercisable; an additional 2,475 of the covered (5) shares are exercisable on or after January 18, 2007; an additional 3,712 of the covered shares are exercisable on or after January 18, 2008; and the remaining 4,950 covered shares are exercisable on or after January 18, 2009.
- (6) The reported phantom common stock units are held by the reporting person in an excess benefit plan account maintained by M&T Bank Corporation and represent a like number of shares of M&T Bank Corporation common stock. The phantom common stock units may only be settled in cash upon distribution in accordance with the terms of the plan. The reported phantom common stock units also include units

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acquired through the dividend reinvestment feature of the plan.

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