

RIPPY R ALLEN  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RIPPY R ALLEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC [COOP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
201 MARKET STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2005

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

WILMINGTON, NC 28401  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					8,740	D	

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)**

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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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.66	12/14/2005		A	2,000	12/14/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/14/2015	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7					03/01/1997 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/01/2007	Common Stock	5,636
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.373					07/15/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/15/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18					12/29/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/29/2014	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIPPY R ALLEN 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Rippy, R.  
Allen 12/16/2005

\*\*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) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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