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Kearny Financial Corp. Form 8-K March 21, 2006

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

MARCH 8, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

0-51093 22-3803741 United States _____ (State or other jurisdiction (SEC Commission (IRS Employer Identification File No.) of incorporation) Number) 07004 120 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey _____ _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973)244-4500

Not Applicable
----(Former name or former address, if changed since last Report)

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On March 8, 2006, the Company entered into a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan in order to facilitate the previously announced market purchases of shares to fund the Company's 2005 Stock Compensation and Incentive Plan Trust. This Rule 10b5-1 trading plan provides for the repurchase of up to 400,000 shares of the Company's common stock between the dates of March 13, 2006 and May 5, 2006, subject to conditions specified in the plan. Shares of the Company's common stock repurchased under the 10b5-1 trading plan will be disclosed in the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2006 and on the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the period ended June 30, 2006.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: March 21, 2006 By:/s/ Albert E. Gossweiler

Albert E. Gossweiler Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer