

BANCORPSOUTH INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 LASHLEE TURNER OSCAR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 483

(Street)

HUMBOLDT, TN 38343

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BANCORPSOUTH INC [BXS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/30/2008

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)

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/30/2008		M		1,200	A	\$ 22.5
					67,817.9723	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 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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u>	\$ 22.5	04/30/2008		M	1,200	<u>(1)</u> 04/30/2008	Common Stock 1,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LASHLEE TURNER OSCAR PO BOX 483 HUMBOLDT, TN 38343	X			

Signatures

/s/ T.O. Lashlee 05/01/2008

 Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Automatic grant within a non-qualified stock option plan for non-employee directors granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated (1) BancorpSouth, Inc. 1995 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The stock option becomes exercisable upon the date of the first annual stockholders meeting of BancorpSouth, Inc. that follows the date of grant by at least six months.

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