FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
GOSULE ALAN L				X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) C/O MFA FINAN 350 PARK AVEN	(First) CIAL, INC. UE, 20TH FLOOR	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2013		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
(Street) NEW YORK, (City)	NY (State)	10022 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv	dual or Joint/Group Filing ( Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than	ting Person			

## 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(mati. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/23/2013		A		8,206	A	\$9.14	46,842	D	

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

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. Transac Code (II 8)		5. Numl Derivat Securit Acquire or Disp (D) (Ins and 5)	ive ies ed (A) osed of	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	ate	7. Title and Ai Securities Un Derivative Se 3 and 4)	derlying	Derivative	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/Shira E. Finkel, Attorney-In-Fact 05/28/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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