

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>FREYDBERG RONALD A</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC.</u><br><u>350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>NEW YORK, NY 10022</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MFA FINANCIAL, INC.</u> [ <u>MFA</u> ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br><u>Executive Vice President</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/31/2014</u>                    |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/31/2014</u>   |  |   |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price         |   |  |   |
| <u>Common Stock</u>             | <u>03/31/2014</u>                    |  | <u>F</u>                       |   | <u>1,685<sup>(1)</sup></u>  | <u>D</u>   | <u>\$7.75</u> | <u>481,253</u>  | <u>D</u>   |   |

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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     |  |                 |   |                            |  |  |   |  |

Explanation of Responses:  
1. The reported disposition represents the surrender of shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of restricted stock.

Remarks:

/s/Ronald A. Freydberg

04/15/2014

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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