

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 4  
 December 24, 2002  
 SEC Form 4

<p><b>FORM 4</b></p> <p>[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</p>	<p><b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b>                  Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p><b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b></p> <p>Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940</p>	<p>OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0287                  Expires: January 31, 2005                  Estimated average burden hours per response. . . . . 0.5</p>
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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  <b>Molinaro Jr., Samuel L.</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>c/o Bear, Stearns &amp; Co. Inc.</b>  <b>383 Madison Avenue</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Street)  <b>New York, NY 10179</b></p> <hr/> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)  <b>U.S.A.</b></p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  <b>The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. BSC</b></p> <hr/> <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>	<p>4. Statement for (Month/Year)  <b>December 23, 2002</b></p> <hr/> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)</p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                  (Check all applicable)</p> <p>_____ Director _____ 10%</p> <p>Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____</p> <p>Other                  Officer/Other Description <b>Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer</b></p> <hr/> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing  <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing</p>
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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)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (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/D   Price			
Common Stock	12/23/2002	G   V	2,000   D	17,291	I	Joint with wife
Common Stock				6,430	D	
Common Stock				1,103	I	By ESOP

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).

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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)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
					(DE)   (ED)					

Explanation of Responses :

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts **By: Samuel L. Molinaro Jr.**  
 constitute Federal Criminal Violations. \_\_\_\_\_  
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). \*\* Signature of Reporting Person  
 Date

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