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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 of Reporting Person [*] NELSON W C JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC</u> [5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
			UCBI]		Director	10% Owner					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		44.111.)			Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		belowy	below)					
PO BOX 127			12/22/2004								
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	idual or Joint/Group Filing ((Check Applicable					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)			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)	3. Transa Code (8)		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/22/2004		S		3,900	D	\$27.7328	1,845,052	D	
Common Stock								50,178 ⁽¹⁾	Ι	Patricia A. Nelson (Spouse)
Common Stock								1,350 ⁽²⁾	Ι	Conag Rentals, Inc.
Common Stock								17,742 ⁽³⁾	I	W.C. Nelson, Jr. Cust FBO [Minor Granchildren]

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

	(cigi, pulo, bullo, manano, optiono, 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. Transa Code (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)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 50,178 shares owned by Mr. Nelson's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.

2. Includes 1,350 shares owned by ConAg Rentals, Inc. for which Mr. Nelson claims beneficial ownership.

3. Includes 17,742 shares owned by Mr. Nelson's minor grandchildren for which he is custodian.

Remarks:

W.C. Nelson, Jr.

12/27/2004

** 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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