

FORM 4

U.S. 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 Verity William W.		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 911 New Street		3. IRS Identification, Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year October 1, 2002	
(Street) Beaufort, SC 29902		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			Director	
(City) (State) (Zip)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/01/02		P		343	A	\$23.379	395	D	

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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FORM 4 (continued) 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	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	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)		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) (Instr. 4))	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable Date	Expiration Date	Title				

Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Karl J. Grafe **October 1, 2002**
** Signature of Reporting Person Date
William W. Verity

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

By: Karl J. Grafe, Attorney-in-Fact

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