

**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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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person</b>  <b>Verity William W.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>911 New Street</b> (Street)  <b>Beaufort, SC 29902</b> (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG)</b>	<b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  <b>Director</b>  <b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>3. IRS Identification, Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</b>		
<b>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</b>  <b>January 2, 2003</b>		
<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned										
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	1/02/03		A		350	A	\$22.911	745	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Over  
 \*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v) SEC 1474 (9-02)

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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	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	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Direct (D) or Indirect (I))	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable	Expiration	Title	Number of Shares				

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**                      **January 3, 2003**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

**William W. Verity**

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

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If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.