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SANFILIPPO ANTHONY MICHAEL Form 4 August 18, 2011 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SANFILIPPO ANTHONY Issuer Symbol MICHAEL PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT (Check all applicable) INC. [PNK] (First) (Last) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O PINNACLE 08/18/2011 President and CEO ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 8918 SPANISH RIDGE AVENUE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LAS VEGAS, NV 89148 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount \$ Common 08/18/2011 Ρ 40,000 Α 11.77 318,750 D Stock (1) By 401(k) Common 596 I Stock Plan

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

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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)	vative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execut rity or Exercise any		Execution any		4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	s I		d 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owna Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Repor	rting O	wners										
R	eporting Owr	er Name / Address				Relations	Relationships					
	· For any of a state o			Director	10% Own	Owner Officer Oth			er			
C/O PINN 8918 SPA	SANFILIPPO ANTHONY MICHAEL C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 8918 SPANISH RIDGE AVENUE LAS VEGAS, NV 89148			X	President and CEO							
Signa	tures											
/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for Anthony M. Sanfilippo					08/	18/2011						
**Signature of Reporting Person						Date						

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.65 to \$11.86, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., any security holder of Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

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