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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND Washington, D.C. 20549	EXCHANGE COMMIS:	STON			
FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEF	FICIAL OWNERSHIP				
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 Name and Address of Report Kim, Charles G. 8000 Forsyth Blvd. Clayton, MO 63105 	ing Person(s)				
 Issuer Name and Ticker or Commerce Bancshares, Inc. 					
3. I.R.S. Identification Numb	per of Reporting	Person, if a	an entity	(Voluntary	7)
 Statement for Month/Day/Ye 3/6/2003 	ear				
5. If Amendment, Date of Orig	ginal (Month/Day,	/Year)			
6. Relationship of Reporting Director Officer (give title be Executive Vice President 	[] 10% Own elow) [] Other	ner (specify belo	cw)	adle)	
7. Individual or Joint/Group [X] Form filed by One Report [] Form filed by More that	orting Person	-	16)		
Table I Non-Derivative Secu	-	-		-	
1)Title of Security		2)Trans- 3.Trans- 4.Securities Acquired(A) action action or Disposed of (D) Date Code A			
		(Month/ Day/Year)	Code V	Amount	or D Price
Common Stock Common Stock		03/06/03	A (1)	927	A \$0.00
Table II (PART 1) Derivative	e Securities Acqu	ired, Dispo	sed of, or	Beneficia	ally Owned (Colum
1)Title of Derivative Security	2)Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3)Trans- action	4)Tr acti Code	ans- 5)Nu on Secu or D	umber of Derivativ arities Acquired (Disposed of (D)
	Security		Code	V A	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$37 220000	03/06/03	Δ	15,0	100

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(right to buy)

Table II (PART 2) Derivativ	ve Securities	Acquired, Disposed of,	or Beneficially Owned	(Columns 1
1)Title of Derivative Security	3)Trans- action Date	7)Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8)Price of Deri- vative Security	
_		Title	Shares	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/06/03	Common Stock	15,000	

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /S/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Charles G. Kim

DATE 03/07/03