

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FREYDBERG RONALD A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350  
 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK,, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/15/2013**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/15/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	6,600 A	\$ 0 (2)	487,317	D

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)**

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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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Shares	(3)	07/15/2013		M(3)	2,200	07/15/2013 07/15/2013	Common Stock	2,200
Phantom Shares	(4)	07/15/2013		M(4)	4,400	07/15/2013 07/15/2013	Common Stock	4,400

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FREYDBERG RONALD A C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK,, NY 10022			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/Ronald A. Freydberg 07/15/2013

\*\*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) Settlement of phantom shares.
- (2) Each phantom share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc. Each vested phantom share was settled in one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc.
- (3) Settlement of vested portion of time-based phantom shares granted in each of July 2011 and July 2012. Each phantom share is the economic equivalent of one share of MFA Financial, Inc. common stock of MFA Financial, Inc. Each vested phantom share was settled in one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc.
- (4) Settlement of vested portion of performance-based phantom shares granted in each of July 2011 and July 2012. Each phantom share is the economic equivalent of one share of MFA Financial, Inc. common stock of MFA Financial, Inc. Each vested phantom share was settled in one share of common stock of MFA Financial, Inc.

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