FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  QUINDLEN THOMAS M  (Last) (First) (Midd C/O SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL 777 LONG RIDGE ROAD                | die)              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Synchrony Financial [ SYF ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  05/16/2019 |  |   |                      |                                  |               |  | ationship of F<br>k all applicab<br>Director<br>Officer (g<br>below)   | 10% Owner  |  |  |   |
|--|-------------------|--|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| (Street) STAMFORD CT 0690 (City) (State) (Zip)   | )2                | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |   |                      |                                  |               |  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X 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)  |                   |  | Transact<br>Code (In   | Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 4 ar  |                      |                                  |               | 5. Amount<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Following I | y Owned<br>Reported  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4)            |  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |   |
|  |                   |  |  | Code  | v                    | Amount                           | (A) or<br>(D) | Price  | (Instr. 3 and  | d`4)   |  |  | , |
| Dividend Equivalent Unit   | /16/2019          |  | A  |   | 350 <sup>(1)</sup> A |                                  | (1)           | 120,   | 20,384   |  |  |  |   |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                   |  |  |   |                      |                                  |               |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Derivative Conversion Date E<br>Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if  | Execution Date, T | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Amou Securities Under Derivative Securities 3 and 4) |                      |                                  | nderlying     | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)    | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti   | e Ownership<br>s Form:<br>ally Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>g (I) (Instr. 4) |  | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |
| Explanation of Responses:  |                   | Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Date Title  |  |   |                      | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | (Instr. 4)    |  |  |  |  |  |   |

Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer-Retail Card

/s/ Danielle Do, as attorney in fact 05/20/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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<sup>1.</sup> Represents dividend equivalent units accrued on May 16, 2019 as dividends were paid on the common shares underlying restricted stock units. The dividend equivalent units vest proportionately with and are subject to settlement and expiration upon the same terms as the restricted stock units to which they relate. Each dividend equivalent unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Synchrony Financial common stock.