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*  MOTHNER JONATHAN S  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL  777 LONG RIDGE ROAD          |  |  |                      |                               | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Synchrony Financial [SYF]      In a symbol Synchrony Financial [S |   |  |   |  |  |                      |  | (Check              | See remarks  |   |  |                      |  |  |
|--|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|----------------------|--|---------------------|--|---|--|----------------------|--|--|
| (Street) STAMFORD (City)   | CT (State)   |  | 902                  |                               | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |   |  |   |  |  |                      |  | X                   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |                      |  |  |
| (Oity)   | (City) (State) (Zip)  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |                      |                               |   |   |  |   |  |  |                      |  |                     |  |   |  |                      |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran  |  |  |                      | . Transaction                 |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar |                      |  | .) or               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)   |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4)  |                      | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)                  |  |
|  |  |  |                      |                               |   |   |  |   | Code   | v  | Amount               |  | (A) or<br>(D)       | Price  | (Instr. 3 and 4)                                    |  |                      |  | , ,  |
| Common Stock 09/1  |  |  |                      |                               | 17/201  | 16  |  |   | F  |  | 514 <sup>(1)</sup> D |  | \$26.91             | 106,   | 5,238   |  | D                    |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |                      |                               |   |   |  |   |  |  |                      |  |                     |  |   |  |                      |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3)   | rivative Conversion Date Execution Date,   |  | Execution Dat if any | ate, Transaction Code (Instr. |   |   | 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<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | te                   | 7. Title and Amou<br>Securities Under<br>Derivative Securi<br>3 and 4) |                     | derlying   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) | e C<br>s F<br>illy C | 0.<br>Dwnership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |  |  | -                    | Code                          | v   | (A) (D)   |  | Date<br>Exercisa                        |  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                | )  | Number of<br>Shares |  | (iii5ii. 4)   |  |                      |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Reflects the number of shares of Synchrony Financial (the "Company") common stock withheld by the Company to pay the tax liability of the Reporting Person in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units.

## Remarks:

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

/s/ Danielle Do, as attorney in fact 09/20/2016

\*\* 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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