FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Richie Laurel  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL  777 LONG RIDGE ROAD |  |            |              |                                   | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Synchrony Financial [ SYF ]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     08/12/2021 |   |   |   |                        |   |                     |                         |   | tionship of R<br>all applicabl<br>Director<br>Officer (gi<br>below)   | e)   | orting Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner  title Other (specify below)       |  |   |  |  |
|--|--|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Street) STAMFORD (City)   | CT (State)   | 06<br>(Zij | 902          | _                                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |   |   |   |                        |   |                     |                         |   | 6. Indiv  | 6. 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   |            |              |                                   |   |   |   |   |                        |   |                     |                         |   |   |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| Date   |  |            |              | ransaction<br>e<br>enth/Day/Year) |   | 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 and |                     |                         |   | 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<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|  |  |            |              |                                   |   |   |   |   |                        | v   | Amount              |                         | (A) or<br>(D)                                       | Price   | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Dividend Equivalent Unit 08/1  |  |            |              |                                   | 12/202  | 21  |   |   | A                      |   | 16(1)               | 16 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$  |   | \$51.62(1)  | 28,5   | 28,526   |  | 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)   | ative Conversion Date Execution Da   |            | 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 at<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | te<br>ear)             | Securities Under Derivative Securities 3 and 4)                   |                     | derlying curity (Instr. | 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>Transactie<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>illy<br>i  | 10.<br>Ownership<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   |            |              | v                                 | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercis   | Expiration<br>Date                      | Title Number<br>Shares |   | Number of<br>Shares |                         | ·   |   |  |  |  |   |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

## Remarks:

/s/ Danielle Do, as attorney in fact 08/16/2021

\*\* 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 August 12, 2021 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.