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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP		
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940		

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Johnson, Mark A. 1145 Powers Place (Last) (First) (Middle) Alpharetta, GA 30004 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CheckFree Corporation CKFR 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for (Month/Year) December 16, 2002 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other Officer/Other Description _____ 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code V	Amount A/D Price			

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).

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
		Code V			(DE) (ED)					
Contract (I)	(I)	12/16/2002	J (I)	(I)	(I) 12/16/2002	Common Stock - \$.01 par value - (I)		0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.00	12/16/2002	A	(A) 4,000	12/16/2003 12/16/2012	Common Stock - \$.01 par value - 4,000		4,000	D	

Explanation of Responses :

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

/s/ **Robert J. Tannous** 12/18/02
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

By: Robert J. Tannous, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A. Johnson

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FOOTNOTE Descriptions for CheckFree Corporation CKFR	Form 4 - December 16, 2002
Mark A. Johnson 1145 Powers Place Alpharetta, GA 30004	
Explanation of responses: (1) Settlement of forward sale agreement dated 12/14/00 by surrender of 100,000 shares of common stock of the issuer (see Form 4 dated 1/8/01).	