

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
FRITSKY, SAMUEL J.  
209 Havemeyer Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
Kings
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. (DCOM)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner  
(X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
7. 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	2. Trans- action Date  (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	11/21/2002	A	5000	A	\$0.0000			
Common Stock	11/21/2002	D	-1665	D	\$0.0000	3335	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2002	A	234	A	\$0.0000	833	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	12/31/2002	A	1653	A	\$0.0000	3302	I	ESOP
Common Stock	11/21/2002	D	-5000	D	\$0.0000	20000	I	RRP

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned at End of Year	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
						Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$16.36				11/21/2011	Common Stock		9000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Vesting of 20,000 shares granted under the Recognition and Retention Plan in April 2002.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/ SAMUEL J. FRITSKY

DATE  
02/14/2003

