LYNCH JAMES M Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(City)

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LYNCH JAMES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

UNIVERSAL INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. [UVE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Executive VP and CFO

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2009

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

1110 WEST COMMERCIAL **BOULEVARD, SUITE 100**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

below)

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

(State)

(Street)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(1)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common 12/16/2009 M

(Middle)

(Zip)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount 11.657

3.9

D 46,657

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 3.9 | 12/16/2009 | | M | | 11,657 (1) | 05/16/2008 | 05/16/2013 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LYNCH JAMES M 1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD

Executive VP and CFO

1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVA SUITE 100 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

Signatures

/s/ James M. 12/17/2009 Lynch

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Amount reflects aggregate number of shares of Common Stock received after exercise of options to purchase 50,000 shares of Common (1) Stock. The exercise was a "cashless exercise" that covered the cost required for the exercise of the options and the statutory tax liability associated with such exercise.

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