

GLOBAL CASH ACCESS HOLDINGS, INC.

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SANFORD KIRK E

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SANFORD KIRK E	9/22/2005	Global Cash Access Holdings, Inc. [GCA]
(Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
3525 EAST POST ROAD SUITE 120	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President and CEO /	
(Street)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
LAS VEGAS, NV 89120		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	1/7/2015	Common Stock	1444430	\$0.00	D	
Class A Common Stock	(2)	(2)	common stock	708452	(2)	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) 25% of the Shares subject to the Option shall vest twelve months after the Vesting Commencement Date, and 1/36th of the remaining number of Shares subject to the Option shall vest on each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date thereafter.
- (2) All of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock is expected to convert into shares of common stock at a 1-to-1 conversion ratio on September 28, 2005.

(3) Held by The Kirk Sanford 2005 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANFORD KIRK E 3525 EAST POST ROAD SUITE 120 LAS VEGAS, NV 89120	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

Kirk Sanford by Kathryn Lever

9/22/2005

** 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 5(b)(v).

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