

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SPARKS RAY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 30 S COUNTRY CLUB ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/17/2014

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

MATTOON, IL 61938  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/17/2014		C <sup>(1)</sup>	85,568	A \$ 0	216,300	D
Common Stock	11/17/2014		C <sup>(1)</sup>	6,938	A \$ 0	15,533	I By Spouse
Common Stock	11/17/2014		C <sup>(1)</sup>	23,126	A \$ 0	89,649	I By Sparks Investment Group Lp
Common Stock						1,822	I By Child
Common Stock						23,160.133	I By Deferred Compensation

Common Stock	18,880	I	Plan By Sparks Foundation
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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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 of Number of Shares
Series B 9% Non-cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred	(2)	11/17/2014		C(1)	370	(2) (2)	Common Stock 85,568.7
Series B 9% Non-cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred	(2)	11/17/2014		C(1)	30	(2) (2)	Common Stock 6,938.0
Series B 9% Non-cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred	(2)	11/17/2014		C(1)	100	(2) (2)	Common Stock 23,126.

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPARKS RAY A 30 S COUNTRY CLUB ROAD			X	

MATTOON, IL 61938

## Signatures

/s/ Michaels L. Taylor, attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Sparks

11/17/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
- (1) On November 17, 2014 the Company caused the conversion of the Series B 9% Non-cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred stock. Each share was converted into 231.267 shares of common stock, cash in lieu of fractional shares.  
Each share of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (i) is convertible at any time into 231.267 shares of common stock and cash in lieu
- (2) of any fractional share of common stock, subject to certain adjustments, (ii) is convertible at First Mid-Illinois Bancshares' option under certain circumstances, and (iii) has no expiration date.

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