#### FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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## FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Reporting Person *     Stewart Michael J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 200 E JAC	(First)  KSON STREET	. Date of Earlio Month/Day/Ye 19/30/2016		on		Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Chief Banking Officer / Executive Vice President				
	(Street)		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			
MUNCIE,	IN 47305						Person	iore man one Rej	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	lon-Derivati	ve Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Oate, if Trans Code (/Year) (Instr	saction(A) or (Instr. : 8)	(A) or nt (D)	15)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 55,712.887	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Stock	09/30/2016		Α	V 47	A	22.457		D		
Common							3 114 715	ī	401(k)	

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Stewart Michael J

200 E JACKSON STREET Chief Banking Officer Executive Vice President

MUNCIE, IN 47305

## **Signatures**

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File)

10/04/2016

\*\*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).
- Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 28,804.674 shares

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