FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCAULIFFE THOMAS

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

[FRME]

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Other (specify

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

4187 OLENTANGY BLVD 07/29/2005

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

COLUMBUS, OH 42314

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

(A)

or

D

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially Beneficial (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

\$ 27 51,136

Common

Stock (1) (2) 07/29/2005 1,000

Code V Amount

D

(3)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MCAULIFFE THOMAS 4187 OLENTANGY BLVD COLUMBUS, OH 42314	X						

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 08/01/2005

**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) Beneficially owned securities: 8,398. Nature of beneficial ownership: Cust. UGMA-Minor sons.
- (2) Employee stock options-right to buy 9,200 shares.
- (3) Deferred stock units owned direct: 596.8

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