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FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sherman Patrick A

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

200 E JACKSON STREET

(Street)

MUNCIE, IN 47305

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

12/01/2016

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title below)

X_ Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

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

Person

Issuer

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionr Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/01/2016		P	14.566	A	\$ 34.326	32,950.366 ₍₁₎	D	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Sherman Patrick A 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	X						

Signatures

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File) 12/02/2016

**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).
- (1) Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 6,175 shares

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