FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

Form 4

December 06, 2016

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **MARTIN JOHN**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

[FRME]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner __X__ Other (specify

200 E JACKSON STREET

(Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2016

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below)

below) Chief Credit Officer / Executive Vice

President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MUNCIE, IN 47305

(Zip) (City) (State)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported Transaction(s)

(A)

Price

35.372

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

12/05/2016

Code V Amount (D) \$ S 2,565 D

27,455.008

(1)

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4 | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | Date | Expiration | | Amount | | |
| | | | | Code V | / (A) (D) | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MARTIN JOHN

200 E JACKSON STREET Chief Credit Officer Executive Vice President

MUNCIE, IN 47305

Signatures

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File)

12/06/2016

**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 19,010.008 shares

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