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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Ben Farahi Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. - MCRI Ben Farahi Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. - MCRI Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Name of Reporting Person 1175 West Moana Lane, Suite 200 Reno, NV 89509 _____ _____ Address of Reporting Person City, State, Zip _____ IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) July, 2002 _____ _____ Statement for Month/Year If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) _____ Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director x Officer x 10% Owner x Other ____ _____ _____ ____ _____ Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person _____

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

Title of
SecurityTransaction
DateTransaction
CodeSecurities Acquired (A)
or Disposed of (D)Amount of
Securities
Beneficially
Ownership
Direct (D)
Owned at End or Indirect(I)
of Month------
Common Stock*07/02/02
JS584,006
614,617D\$12.50
A N/A1,477,827
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ID

* Ben Farahi sold these shares of common stock pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3(registration number 333-89698) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2002, as amended on June 17, 2002.

** On May 20, 2002, Jila Farahi transferred all of her shares of the Company's common stock previously held by her as an individual to the Jila Farahi Trust, a trust governed under the laws of the State of Nevada. Jila Farahi is the primary beneficiary of the trust and one of the four co-trustees. Ben Farahi, the Co-Chairman of the Board, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary is the brother of Jila Farahi, and is also one of the four co-trustees. The two other co-trustees are David Farahi and Parvin Farahi, the parents of Jila Farahi. Pursuant to the terms of the shares of the Company's common stock held by the trust and also shares voting power of the shares of the Company's common stock held by the Jila Farahi Trust.

TABLE II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

None.

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SIGNATURES

Signature of Reporting Person

/S/ Ben Farahi -----BEN FARAHI

09/20/02

DATE

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