

Rowan Ronald  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rowan Ronald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCRJ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET, EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/27/2012

RENO, NV 89502

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/27/2012		P		3,425 A \$ 7.69	10,663	D
Common Stock	08/28/2012		P		387 A \$ 7.7	10,663	D
Common Stock	08/30/2012		P		2,681 A \$ 7.7	10,663	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option/right to buy	\$ 8.78					06/19/2015	06/19/2022	Common Stock	33,333
Option/right to buy	\$ 9.56					06/17/2014	06/17/2021	Common Stock	33,333
Option/right to buy	\$ 11.15					<u>(1)</u>	06/21/2020	Common Stock	76,000
Option/right to buy	\$ 11.15					06/19/2013	06/19/2020	Common Stock	33,333
Option/right to buy	\$ 7.28					06/19/2012	06/19/2019	Common Stock	33,333

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rowan Ronald 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET EXECUTIVE OFFICES RENO, NV 89502			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

Ronald Rowan                      08/31/2012  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

- On June 21, 2010, the Company granted to Mr. Rowan an option to purchase 76,000 shares of common stock pursuant to its offer to certain employees, subject to specified conditions, to exchange some or all of their outstanding stock options (the "Exchange offer") on the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer to Exchange Specified Stock Options for New Stock Options, dated May 21, 2010 filed as
- (1) Exhibit (a)(1)(A) to the Schedule TO filed on that same date. Subject to the Exchange Offer, Mr. Rowan tendered 100,000 stock options in exchange for the 76,000 stock option grant described above. The grant vests as follows: 16,888 vest on June 21, 2011; 42,223 vest on June 21, 2012 and 16,889 vest on June 21, 2013.

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