UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP ( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person JOHNSON, NORMAN MILLER 480 ADAMS AVENUE
GLENCOE, IL 60022-1865 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FRME
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) ###-#####
4. Statement for Month/Year JULY 31, 1999
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
<ol> <li>Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</li> <li>(X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)</li> </ol>
<ul><li>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li><li>(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person</li><li>( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li></ul>

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Explanation of Responses: SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON Norman M. Johnson (Confirming Signature on File) DATE August 2, 1999