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
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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
- DECEMBER 31, 1999
 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 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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Explanation of Responses: SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON Norman M. Johnson (Confirming Signature on File) DATE January 3, 2000