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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Ferson			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST MERCHANTS CORP</u> [FRME]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
<u>Schalliol Charles E</u>				X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) 200 E JACKS	(First) SON STREET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2015		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) MUNCIE	IN	47305	01/05/2016	Line) X	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Person				

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. Transa Code (8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2015		A		768	A	\$25.42	41,922	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2016		Α		1,084(1)	Α	(2)	43,006 ⁽³⁾	D	

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)	if any	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Amended to reflect 0.44 fewer shares received in exchange for Ameriana Bancorp common stock. The form 4 was filed prior to the brokers finalizing the exchange transaction, which resulted in the transfer of only whole shares.

2. Received in exchange for 1,200 shares of Ameriana Bancorp common stock in connection with merger of Ameriana Bancorp into First Merchants Corporation ("the Merger"). On the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of Ameriana's common stock was \$22.92 per share, and the closing price of First Merchant's common stock was \$25.42 per share.

3. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 8,273 shares

Remarks:

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming 01/22/2016

Statement on File)

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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