FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Johnson Kevin D					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [ FRME ]								(Ch	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issu (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner						
(Last)	(Fir	(First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2023										Offic belov	er (give title w)		Other (s	specify	
200 E JACKSON ST					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street)															X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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(City)	(St	ate) (Z	Ľip)		Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication								,							
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		Table	l - No	n-Deriva	tive S	ecui	rities	Acq	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Ber	eficia	ılly Owi	ned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day				//Year)	Execu	Deemed cution Date, y nth/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		Disposed	ties Acquired ( <i>i</i> d Of (D) (Instr. 3			Secur Benef Owner	icially d ving	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	unt (A) or (D)		Price	Trans	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common 06/30/20					2023				A		774		A	\$28.2	3 2	2,338(1)		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)	erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			tion Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D	vative irities ired ir osed ) r. 3, 4	6. Date I Expiration (Month/I	on Da		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and		f   1	3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
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## ${\bf Explanation\ of\ Responses:}$

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 2,338 shares

## Remarks:

Jacob Burkett (Confirming Statement on File) \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

07/05/2023

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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