FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MARTIN JOHN							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [ FRME ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title V Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 E JACKSON STREET							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2016									X Officer (give title X below)  Chief Credit Officer / Executive  President					
(Street)  MUNCIE IN 47305  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2016								Line	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 5)  4. Securitie Disposed (5)						Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common	Stock	/2016	2016		F		2,280(1	D \$22		\$22.1	22,262.783 <sup>(2)</sup>			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)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	n Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)				6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Dat	е	d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amour or Numbe		str. 3	. Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Amended to reflect a correction in the calculation of the tax liability for the February 19, 2016 vesting of restricted stock, resulting in additional securities withheld for the payment of this tax liability.
- $2.\ Includes\ Restricted\ Stock\ Awards\ totaling\ 11,252.683\ shares$

## Remarks:

<u>Jennifer Mainord (Confirming</u> <u>Statement on File)</u>

02/25/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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