FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washing

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Becher Michael R						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					
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(Last)	(Fir	(First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2024									Office below	er (give title v)		Other (s below)	specify
200 EAST JACKSON ST.				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)								
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						Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.									that is inter	nded to			
		Table	I - No	n-Deriva	tive S	Secui	rities	Acq	uired	, Dis	posed of	, or E	Benef	icially	Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			Date,	Transaction Disposed O Code (Instr. 5)			es Acquired (A) o Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		and Securit Benefic		ies cially Following	Form:	Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	Pri	се		ted action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 06/30.					2024			A		727	A	\$3	3.29	26,95	959.915(1)		D		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		tion Date,	Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)		Der Sed (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y D O (I	0. Ownership form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares	er						

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 7,581 shares

Remarks:

Jacob Burkett (Confirming Statement on File)

07/02/2024

** 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).
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