Form 144 Filer Information SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 144

**FORM 144** 

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

#### 144: Filer Information

Filer CIK 0001736608
Filer CCC XXXXXXXX
Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing? • LIVE • TEST

Submission Contact Information

Name

Phone

E-Mail Address

### 144: Issuer Information

Name of Issuer First Merchants Corporation

SEC File Number 001-41342

200 E Jackson Street

Address of Issuer

Muncie
INDIANA

47305

Phone 7657471378

Name of Person for Whose Account the Securities are To Be Sold

Patrick J. Fehring

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

Relationship to Issuer Director

## 144: Securities Information

Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of the Broker	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold	Aggregate Market Value		Approximate Date of Sale	Name the Securities Exchange
Common Stock	FIFTH THIRD SECURITIES INC 34 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI OH 45202	26437	1137319.74	58117115	11/07/2024	NASDAQ

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

### 144: Securities To Be Sold

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Class	Acquired	Acquisition Transaction	Person from Whom Acquired	this a Gift?	Donor Acquired	Securities Acquired	Payment	Payment *
Common Stock	01/05/2018	Stock Option	First Merchants Corporation			22603	01/05/2018 G	rant
Common Stock	02/16/2020	RSA	First Merchants Corporation			2508	02/16/2020 G	rant
Common Stock	02/15/2021	RSA	First Merchants Corporation			1326	02/15/2021 G	rant

<sup>\*</sup> If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

# 144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

Nothing to Report

# 144: Remarks and Signature

Remarks

Date of Notice 11/07/2024

**ATTENTION:** 

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature Jacob Burkett (Confirming Statement on File)

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