

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stewart Michael J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST MERCHANTS CORP  
[FRME]

### 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 E JACKSON STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2019

\_\_\_\_ Director      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below)      \_\_X\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Banking Officer / Executive Vice President

(Street)

MUNCIE, IN 47305

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

## 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	03/07/2019		F		4,792	D \$ 38.98	58,316.33 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock							3,212.192	I	401(k) Plan

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

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**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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Stewart Michael J 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305	Chief Banking Officer Executive Vice President

## Signatures

Addison Nicoll (Confirming Statement  
on File) 03/11/2019

                     \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).

(1) Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 22,406.115 shares

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