

FIRST MARINER BANCORP

Form 4

December 17, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

HALE, SR., EDWIN F.
 FIRST MARINER BANCORP
 1801 S. CLINTON STREET
 BALTIMORE, MD 21224
 USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST MARINER BANCORP
 FMAR

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 16, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(X) Director (X) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CEO

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

(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	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
			Amount	A/D	Price	
COMMON STOCK	12/16/02	P	1000	A	\$11.24	
COMMON STOCK	12/16/02	P	2000	A	\$11.25	
COMMON STOCK	12/16/02	P	200	A	\$11.29	
COMMON STOCK	12/16/02	P	2000	A	\$11.30	
COMMON STOCK	12/16/02	P	1000	A	\$11.35	
COMMON STOCK	12/16/02	P	3800	A	\$11.44	603,426

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Put or Call

Explanation of Responses:
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ EDWIN F. HALE, SR.
DATE
DECEMBER 17, 2002