FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MCAULIFFE THOMAS

4187 OLENTANGY BLVD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2005

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

COLUMBUS, OH 43214

(City)

(Chij)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		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	(D)	Price	(msu. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1) (2) (3)	03/01/2005		S	500	D	\$ 26.25	58,136	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S	1,000	D	\$ 26.45	57,136	D	

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MCAULIFFE THOMAS 4187 OLENTANGY BLVD COLUMBUS, OH 43214	X						

Signatures

Larry R. Helms (Confirming Statement on File) 03/02/2005

**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) Beneficially owned securities: 8,398. Nature of beneficial ownership: Cust. UGMA-Minor sons.
- (2) Employee stock options right to buy 9,200 shares.
- (3) Deferred stock units owned direct: 596.8

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