FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** RECHIN MICHAEL C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(N				Earliest ay/Year) 114		ansaction			Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title X_ Other (specify below) below) Chief Executive Officer / President			
				If Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
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Common Stock 02/11	1/2014			F	•	7,092	D D	\$ 20.36	62,428.686	D		
Common Stock 02/11	1/2014			A		9,700	A	\$ 0	72,128.686 (1)	D		

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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RECHIN MICHAEL C 200 E JACKSON STREET MUNCIE, IN 47305

Chief Executive Officer President

Signatures

Jennifer Mainord (Confirming Statement on File)

02/13/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 35,879.182 shares

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