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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCRI] À Farahi David-Jacques (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person RENO, NVÂ 89502 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Chief Operating Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 4,000 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Option/right to buy	(1)	02/10/2020	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 6.72	D	Â
Option/right to buy	(2)	06/21/2020	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 11.15	D	Â
Option/right to buy	(3)	07/12/2020	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 10.2	D	Â
Option/right to buy	08/13/2014	08/13/2011	Common Stock	1,667	\$ 9.3	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other			
Farahi David-Jacques 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET RENO, NV 89502	Â	Â	Chief Operating Officer	Â			

# **Signatures**

David-Jacques
Farahi

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) On February 10, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 5,000 stock options which vest as follows: 1,666 vest on February 10, 2013; 1,667 vest on February 10, 2014 and 1,667 vest on February 10, 2015.
- (2) On June 21, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 5,000 stock options which vest as follows: 1,666 vest on August 13, 2011; 1,667 vest on August 13, 2012 and 1,667 vest on August 13, 2013.
- (3) On July 12, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 20,000 stock optins which vest as follows: 6,666 vest on July 12, 2013; 6,667 vest on July 12, 2014 and 6,667 vest on July 12, 2015.

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