

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### SUBJECT COMPANY

#### FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

CIK: **712534** | IRS No.: **351544218** | State of Incorporation: **IN** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-17071** | Film No.: **96687950**  
SIC: **6021** National commercial banks

#### Mailing Address

200 EAST JACKSON STREET  
MUNCIE IN 47305

#### Business Address

200 E JACKSON ST  
PO BOX 792  
MUNCIE IN 47308-0792  
3177471500

### REPORTING OWNER

#### MONTGOMERY TED J

CIK: **1020598** | State of Incorporation: **IN** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **4**  
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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  
 MONTGOMERY, TED J  
 305 E UNION STREET  
 LIBERTY, IN 47353-1212
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION  
 FRME
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year  
 DECEMBER 1996
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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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) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12-06-1996	G*	37	(1) 14,677.8008	D	ESOP
				11,435	I	

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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. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option								4,500	D	

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Explanation of Responses:  
 \*Gift of 37 shares to Ivy Tech Foundation  
 1.) Includes 135.8008 shares acquired in December 1996 under the First Merchants Corporation dividend reinvestment plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 Ted J. Montgomery (Confirming Statement on File)  
 DATE  
 December 30, 1996