

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HARVEY WILLIAM W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 LIBERTY STREET

(Street)

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/25/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. EVP & CFO

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

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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 or Price		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/25/2016	05/25/2016	X		12,937 A \$ 11.12	138,802	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/25/2016	05/25/2016	S		12,937 D \$ 14.7712	125,865	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/25/2016	05/25/2016	M		12,936 A \$ 9.79	138,801	D
Northwest Bancshares,	05/25/2016	05/25/2016	F		8,575 D \$ 14.77	130,226	D

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Inc.			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	686	I	IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	686	I	Wife's IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,194.15 (2)	I	401-K
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	16,431.82 (3)	I	ESOP

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.12	05/25/2016	05/25/2016	X	12,937	01/16/2009 01/16/2018	Common Stock	12,937	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.79	05/25/2016	05/25/2016	M	12,936	11/19/2009 11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	12,936	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

HARVEY WILLIAM W  
100 LIBERTY STREET  
WARREN, PA 16365

Sr. EVP & CFO

## Signatures

William W.  
Harvey, Jr.

05/27/2016

\_\_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) Average price of 11 lots with a high of \$14.80 and a low of \$14.75.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (4) Constructively exchanged 8575 shares in order to exercise 12,936 stock options. The number of shares issued was 4361 .

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