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Form 4 January 07, 2002

# U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Section 30                                      | (i) of the Investment        | Company Act of 1940                       |           |
|---|------------------------------|---|-----------|
| [_] Check box if no long may continue. See In   |                              | n 16. Form 4 or Form 5 ob                 | ligations |
| 1. Name and Address of                          | Reporting Person*            |   |           |
| Ault  | Jerry                        | М   |           |
| (Last)  | (First)                      | (Middle)                                  |           |
| 3441 South 100 West                             |                              |   |           |
|   | (Street)                     |   |           |
| Wabash  | IN                           | 46992                                     |           |
| (City)  | (State)                      | (Zip)                                     |           |
|   |                              |   |           |
| 2. Issuer Name and Tick                         | er or Trading Symbol         |   |           |
|   |                              |   |           |
| First Merchants Corpor                          | ation - FRME                 |   |           |
| 3. IRS Identification N                         | umber of Reporting Pe        | cson, if an Entity (Volunt                | tary)     |
| 304-34-2277                                     |                              |   |           |
| 4. Statement for Month/                         | Year                         |   |           |
| December/2001                                   |                              |   |           |
| 5. If Amendment, Date o                         | f Original (Month/Yea        | c)  |           |
|   |                              |   |           |
| 6. Relationship of Repo<br>(Check all applicabl | rting Person to Issue:<br>e) | 2   |           |
| <pre>[x] Director [_] Officer (give t</pre>     | itle below)                  | [_] 10% Owner<br>[_] Other (specify below | w )       |

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| 7. Individual or                              | Joint/Gro                | oup Filing | (Check ap       | plicab | le line | ∋)   |   |               |       |  |
|---|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------|---|---------------|-------|--|
| <pre>[x] Form fil [_] Form fil</pre>          | ed by one                | Reporting  | Person          |        |         |      |   |               |       |  |
|   | :======                  |            | =======         |        |         |      |   |               |       |  |
| Table I                                       | : Non-De                 | or Benef   | icially Ow      | vned - |         | -    |   | -==           |       |  |
|   |                          |            |                 | I      |         |      | 4. Securities Ac Disposed of ( (Instr. 3, 4 | (D)<br>and 5) | 5)    |  |
| 1. Title of Security                          |                          |            | 2.<br>Transacti | ion (  | Instr.  | 8)   |   | (A)           |       |  |
| (Instr. 3)                                    |                          |            | (mm/dd/yy       | /)<br> | Code    | V    | Amount                                      | (D)           | riice |  |
| Common  |                          |            | 12/24/01        | L      | G*      |      | 2 <b>,</b> 175                              |               |       |  |
| Common  |                          |            |                 |        |         |      |   |               |       |  |
|   |                          |            |                 |        |         |      |   |               |       |  |
| 4(b)(v). Reminder: Report of                  |                          | ate line f | or each cl      |        |         |      | see Instructi                               | .on           |       |  |
|   |                          | (Print or  | Type Resp       | oonse) |         |      | (Ove  | er)           |       |  |
|   |                          |            |                 |        |         |      |   |               |       |  |
| FORM 4 (continued)  Table II Deriva (e.g., pu | tive Secur<br>ts, calls, | warrants   | , options,      | conve  | rtible  | secu | rities)                                     |               |       |  |

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|            | Price  | Trans-  | action  | or Disposed |     | Expiration Date  |         |       |        |
|------------|--------|---------|---------|-------------|-----|------------------|---------|-------|--------|
| 1.         | of     | action  | Code    | of(D)       |     | (Month/Day/Year) |         |       | Amount |
| Title of   | Deriv- | Date    | (Instr. | (Instr. 3,  |     |                  |         |       | or     |
| Derivative | ative  | (Month/ | 8)      | 4 and       | 5)  | Date             | Expira- |       | Number |
| Security   | Secur- | Day/    |         |             |     | Exer-            | tion    |       | of     |
| (Instr. 3) | ity    | Year)   | Code V  | (A)         | (D) | cisable          | Date    | Title | Shares |

Employee Stock Option (Right To Buy)

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\*Gift by reporting person to church building fund (1,305 shares) and church

/s/ Larry R. Helms

camp (870 shares).

January 7, 2002

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Jerry M. Ault

Date

(Confirming Statement on File)

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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