

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Farahi David-Jacques

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC [MCRI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/01/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

RENO, NV 89502
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 5,000 | D | |

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)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 23.63 | 09/01/2016 | | A | 11,667 | 09/01/2019 | 09/01/2026 | Common Stock | 11,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 23.52 | | | | | 08/01/2019 | 08/01/2026 | Common Stock | 6,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 20.49 | | | | | 03/01/2019 | 03/01/2026 | Common Stock | 1,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 17.6 | | | | | 08/21/2018 | 08/21/2025 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 18.44 | | | | | 08/13/2018 | 08/13/2025 | Common Stock | 1,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 20.69 | | | | | 07/12/2018 | 07/12/2025 | Common Stock | 6,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 17.08 | | | | | 02/10/2018 | 02/10/2025 | Common Stock | 1,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 12.4 | | | | | 08/13/2017 | 08/13/2024 | Common Stock | 1,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 14.95 | | | | | 07/12/2017 | 07/12/2024 | Common Stock | 6,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 18.41 | | | | | 02/10/2017 | 02/10/2024 | Common Stock | 1,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 19 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 01/17/2024 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 20 | | | | | 08/13/2016 | 08/13/2023 | Common Stock | 1,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 17.79 | | | | | 07/12/2016 | 07/12/2023 | Common Stock | 6,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 10.33 | | | | | 02/10/2016 | 02/10/2023 | Common Stock | 1,667 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 7.55 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | 08/21/2022 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 7.42 | | | | | 08/13/2015 | 08/13/2022 | Common Stock | 1,667 |

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|---------------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|
| Option/right to buy | \$ 9.3 | 08/13/2014 | 08/13/2021 | Common Stock | 1,666 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 10.2 | (3) | 07/12/2020 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 11.15 | (4) | 06/21/2020 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Common Stock | \$ 6.72 | (5) | 02/10/2020 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

David Farahi 09/26/2016

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) On January 17, 2014, Mr. Farahi was granted 40,000 stock options, which vest as follows: 13,333 vest on January 17, 2017; 13,333 vest on January 17, 2018 and 13,334 vest on January 17, 2019.
- (2) On August 21, 2012, Mr. Farahi was granted 30,000 stock options, which vest as follows: 10,000 vest on August 21, 2015; 10,000 vest on August 21, 2016 and 10,000 vest on August 21, 2017.
- (3) On July 12, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 20,000 stock options, 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.
- (4) On June 21, 2010, Mr. Farahi was granted 5,000 stock options, which vest as follows: 1,666 vest on June 21, 2013; 1,667 vest on June 21, 2014 and 1,667 vest on June 21, 2015.
- (5) 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.

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