

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC  
 Form 4  
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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 [MCRJ]

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)  
 08/01/2016

\_\_\_\_ 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) Price  | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 23.52   | 08/01/2016                           |  | A                              | 6,666   | 08/01/2019   | 08/01/2026  | Common Stock               | 6,666                      |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 20.49   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2019   | 03/01/2026  | Common Stock               | 1,666                      |
| 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               | 1,666                      |
| 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               | 6,666                      |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 10.33   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/10/2016   | 02/10/2023  | Common Stock               | 1,666                      |
| 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                      |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 9.3   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/13/2014   | 08/13/2021  | Common Stock               | 1,667                      |

|                     |          |     |            |              |        |
|---------------------|----------|-----|------------|--------------|--------|
| 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  |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 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<br>3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET<br>RENO, NV 89502 |               |           | Chief Operating Officer |       |

## Signatures

David Farahi                      08/11/2016  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) 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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