

# FORM 4

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 or  
 Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>Gilroy Sue Anne</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> <b>410 MONON BLVD</b> <small>(Street)</small> <b>CARMEL, IN 46032</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Merchants Bancorp [ MBIN ]</b> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center"><b>2/19/2026</b></p> 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	2/19/2026		A		377	A	\$46.45 <sup>(1)</sup>	13,684	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) This award represents the equity portion of the Reporting Person's quarterly retainer for service as a director of the Issuer. The number of shares awarded was determined by dividing the dollar value of the equity portion by the price shown, which was the closing price of one share of the Issuer's common stock on the day immediately prior to the most recent scheduled quarterly board meeting, and rounding up to the next whole share.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gilroy Sue Anne 410 MONON BLVD CARMEL, IN 46032	X			

**Signatures**

/s/ Terry A. Oznick, attorney-in-fact

2/19/2026

<sup>\*\*</sup>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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