

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 JOHN**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC, 3800 S. VIRGINIA**  
 (Street)  
**RENO, NV 89502**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/20/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 10/20/2016                           |  | M                              | (A)<br>Amount<br>66,666<br>(1)                                    | \$ 21.82  | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 10/20/2016                           |  | F                              | (A)<br>Amount<br>63,070<br>(1)                                    | \$ 23.57  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,791,983   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 272,047   | I  | by trust  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 276,749   | I  | by trust  |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option/Right to buy                        | \$ 21.82   | 10/20/2016                           |  | M                              | 66,666 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 10/21/2009 10/21/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 66,666                     |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 17.62   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/21/2018 10/21/2025                                    | Common Stock  | 66,666                     |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 12.32   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/21/2017 10/21/2024                                    | Common Stock  | 66,666                     |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 21.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/21/2016 10/21/2023                                    | Common Stock  | 66,666                     |
| option/right to buy                        | \$ 8.56  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/09/2015 10/09/2022                                    | Common Stock  | 66,666                     |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 9.33  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/21/2014 10/21/2021                                    | Common Stock  | 66,666                     |
| Option/right to buy                        | \$ 29  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/21/2010 10/21/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 66,666                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|                                | X             | X         | CEO     |       |

FARAHI JOHN  
MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC  
3800 S. VIRGINIA  
RENO, NV 89502

## Signatures

John Farahi

10/24/2016

\*\*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).

On October 20, 2016, Mr. Farahi completed "net" stock option exercise whereby he exercised 66,666 stock options with an expiration (1) date 10/21/2016. The exercise price of the stock option and the required tax withholding were paid in the form of stock totaling 63,070 shares. As a result of this "net" stock exercise Mr. Farahi beneficial ownership increased by the balance of 3,596 shares.

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