MERCANTILE BANK CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GARDNER JEFF A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MBWM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
C/O MERCA	NTILE BA	NK	06/01/2014	below) below)			
CORPORAT	ION, 310 I	LEONARD					
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STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficia								lly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following Reported Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	06/01/2014		Code V	Amount 2,612	or (D)	Price (1)	(Instr. 3 and 4) 2,612	I	by Keift & Gardner
Common Stock	06/01/2014		A	9,999	A	<u>(2)</u>	9,999	I	by Marshall Gardner Trust
Common Stock	06/01/2014		A	19,000	A	(3)	19,000	I	by Norma Gardner Trust

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Common Stock	06/01/2014	A	47,252 A	(4)	47,252	I	by Trust
Common Stock	06/01/2014	A	11,500 A	<u>(5)</u>	11,500	I	by IRA
Common Stock	06/01/2014	A	11,123 A	<u>(6)</u>	11,123	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)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amount		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GARDNER JEFF A C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD STREET GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt, 06/03/2014 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

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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).
- Received in exchange for 2,612 shares of Firstbank Corporation common stock in connection with the merger of Firstbank Corporation
- (1) into Mercantile Bank Corporation (the "Merger"). On the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of Firstbank's common stock was \$21.59 per share and the closing price of Mercantile's common stock was \$21.43 per share.
- (2) Received in exchange for 9,999 shares of Firstbank Corporation common stock in connection with the Merger.
- (3) Received in exchange for 19,000 shares of Firstbank Corporation common stock in connection with the Merger.
- (4) Received in exchange for 47,252 shares of Firstbank Corporation common stock in connection with the Merger.
- (5) Received in exchange for 11,500 shares of Firstbank Corporation common stock in connection with the Merger.
- (6) Received in exchange for 11,123 shares of Firstbank Corporation common stock in connection with the Merger.

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