

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**06/01/2014**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |        |   |                           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|---------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |        |   |                           |
| Common Stock                    | 06/01/2014                           |  | A                              |   | 2,612   | A  | (1)                               | 2,612  | I | by Keift & Gardner        |
| Common Stock                    | 06/01/2014                           |  | A                              |   | 9,999   | A  | (2)                               | 9,999  | I | by Marshall Gardner Trust |
| Common Stock                    | 06/01/2014                           |  | A                              |   | 19,000  | A  | (3)                               | 19,000 | I | by Norma Gardner Trust    |



## 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 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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