

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC

Form 4

February 24, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FARAHI BEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

MONARCH CASINO & RESORT
INC, 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE
200

(Street)

RENO, NV 89509

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2005

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) CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ 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. 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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2005 | | S | | 10,400 | D | \$ 38.8199 | 604,216 | I | Trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2005 | | S | | 5,000 | D | \$ 38.353 | 599,216 | I | Trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,447,327 | D | |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Option/Right to Buy | \$ 23.37 | | | | | (2) | 10/21/2014 | Common Stock | 50,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FARAHI BEN MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200 RENO, NV 89509 | X | X | CFO | |

Signatures

Ben Farahi 02/24/2005

__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).

Mr. Ben Farahi owns an additional 614,616 (599,216 shares following the sales reported on this Form 4) shares of shared voting power
(1) common stock of Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. ("Monarch") listed under the Jila Farahi Trust. Mr. Ben Farahi is a trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust. Jila Farahi is the sister of Mr. Ben Farahi but is not a director, officer or 10% owner of Monarch.

On October 21, 2004, Mr. Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as
(2) amended, to purchase 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$23.37 per share. The shares will vest as follows: 16,666 shares on October 21, 2005; 16,666 shares on October 21, 2006; 16,667 shares on October 21, 2007.

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