

Rowan Ronald
Form 4
August 31, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Rowan Ronald

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3800 S. VIRGINIA
STREET, EXECUTIVE OFFICES

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/27/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chief Financial Officer

(Street)
RENO, NV 89502

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

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/27/2012 | | P | | 3,425 | A \$ 7.69 | 10,663 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2012 | | P | | 387 | A \$ 7.7 | 10,663 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2012 | | P | | 2,681 | A \$ 7.7 | 10,663 | 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. 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) | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 8.78 | | | | | 06/19/2015 | 06/19/2022 | Common Stock | 33,333 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 9.56 | | | | | 06/17/2014 | 06/17/2021 | Common Stock | 33,333 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 11.15 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 06/21/2020 | Common Stock | 76,000 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 11.15 | | | | | 06/19/2013 | 06/19/2020 | Common Stock | 33,333 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 7.28 | | | | | 06/19/2012 | 06/19/2019 | Common Stock | 33,333 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Rowan Ronald 3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET EXECUTIVE OFFICES RENO, NV 89502 | Chief Financial Officer |

Signatures

Ronald Rowan 08/31/2012

**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 June 21, 2010, the Company granted to Mr. Rowan an option to purchase 76,000 shares of common stock pursuant to its offer to certain employees, subject to specified conditions, to exchange some or all of their outstanding stock options (the "Exchange offer") on the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer to Exchange Specified Stock Options for New Stock Options, dated May 21, 2010 filed as
- (1) Exhibit (a)(1)(A) to the Schedule TO filed on that same date. Subject to the Exchange Offer, Mr. Rowan tendered 100,000 stock options in exchange for the 76,000 stock option grant described above. The grant vests as follows: 16,888 vest on June 21, 2011; 42,223 vest on June 21, 2012 and 16,889 vest on June 21, 2013.

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