

Northwest Bancshares, 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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SMELKO MICHAEL G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 LIBERTY STREET
 (Street)

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/01/2016

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)
 Exec. V.P., Chief Credit Off.

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	08/01/2016	08/01/2016	X	10,125 A	\$ 11.51	72,171	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	08/01/2016	08/01/2016	S	10,125 D	\$ 14.9771	62,046	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock						1,019	I
							Wife's IRA

Inc.
Common
Stock

Northwest
Bancshares,
Inc.
Common
Stock

7,666.816
(2) I 401-K

Northwest
Bancshares,
Inc.
Common
Stock

8,294.13 (3) I ESOP

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51	08/01/2016	08/01/2016	X	10,125	01/17/2008 01/17/2017	Common Stock	10,125

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMELKO MICHAEL G
100 LIBERTY STREET
WARREN, PA 16365

Exec. V.P., Chief Credit Off.

Signatures

Michael G.
Smelko

08/02/2016

__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).

- (1) Average price of 10 lots with a high of \$15.0038 and a low of \$14.92.
- (2) Reflects transactions that are not reportable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Reflects transactions that are not reportable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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