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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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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

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Sherlock James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP [MRLN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

08/24/2017

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Senior Vice President

C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP., 300 FELLOWSHIP ROAD

(Street)

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

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of

Price

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

3.

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

(D) Amount

785

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Transaction(s)

Common Stock

08/24/2017

S

(A)

or

7,664 (1)

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)

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| 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number Doof 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 to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 25.75 | 03/31/2017 | | A | 3,810 | 03/31/2020(2) | 03/31/2024 | Common Stock | 3,810 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sherlock James C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. 300 FELLOWSHIP ROAD MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Edward R. Dietz, Attorney in Fact 08/29/2017

**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) Includes 4,240 shares of restricted stock where, as of the date of this filing, the restrictions have not yet lapsed.
- (2) Date listed is the date of full vesting. Vests one-third per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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