

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 SPARKS RAY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 30 S COUNTRY CLUB ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/05/2016

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

MATTOON, IL 61938

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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   |  |   |   |                               |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |   |   |                               |
| Common Stock                    | 12/05/2016                           |  | S                              | 91  | D   | \$ 30.44   | 87,113  | I | By Sparks Investment Group Lp |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 282,858   | D |                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 1,822   | I | By Child                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 24,592.852  | I | By Deferred Compensation Plan |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 18,880  | I |                               |

Common  
Stock

By Sparks  
Foundation

Common  
Stock

32,782 I

By Spouse

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPARKS RAY A  
30 S COUNTRY CLUB ROAD X  
MATTOON, IL 61938

## Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Taylor, attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Sparks

12/06/2016

\_\_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).

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