

Rowan Ronald
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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 *

^ Rowan Ronald
(Last) (First) (Middle)

3800 S. VIRGINIA STREET, ^ EXECUTIVE OFFICES

(Street)

RENO, ^ NV ^ 89502

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
06/19/2006

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

5. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Date Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

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| | | | | Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Option / right to buy | Â (1) | 06/19/2016 | Common Stock | 100,000 | \$ 26.47 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Ronald Rowan 06/28/2006
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 19, 2006, subject to the terms and conditions of the 1993 Executive Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended, the Corporation (1) granted an option to purchase 100,000 shares of the Corporation's common stock with the following vesting schedule: 33,333 shares vest on June 19, 2009 33,333 shares vest on June 19, 2010 33,334 shares vest on June 19, 2011

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