

TORCHMARK CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HERBEL VERN D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**TORCHMARK CORPORATION, 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE**

(Street)

**MCKINNEY, TX 75070**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/05/2016**

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)  
EVP and Chief Admin. Officer

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

**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	08/05/2016		M		50,625	A		\$ 29.5912	85,630	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		M		37,500	A		\$ 30.3267	123,130	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		S		88,125	D		\$ 61.8714	35,005	D	
Common Stock									51,918	I	Reporting Person's Living

Common Stock	51,918	I	Trust Spouse's Living Trust
Common Stock	42,037 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Thrift Plan Trust

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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.5912 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/05/2016		M	50,625 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/28/2014 04/28/2018	Common Stock 50,625 <sup>(4)</sup>
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.3267 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/05/2016		M	37,500 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/23/2015 01/23/2019	Common Stock 37,500 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERBEL VERN D TORCHMARK CORPORATION 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070			EVP and Chief Admin. Officer	

## Signatures

Vern D. Herbel, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy,  
Attorney-in-fact

08/08/2016

\_\_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) sales at prices ranging from \$61.72 per share to \$62.11 per share.
  - (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
  - (3) Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan - estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$62.11 per share.
  - (4) Previously reported as option for 45,000 shares at an exercise price of \$66.58 per share, but has been adjusted to reflect 3-for-2 stock splits paid in the form of 50% stock dividends occurring on July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014.
  - (5) Previously reported as option for 50,000 shares at an exercise price of \$45.49 per share, but was adjusted to reflect 3-for-2 stock split paid in the form of 50% stock dividend occurring on July 1, 2014.

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