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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

BENNA R CARL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP [(MRBK)]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

09/30/2005

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

> > (Instr. 4)

Person

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

TWO HOPKINS PLAZA

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

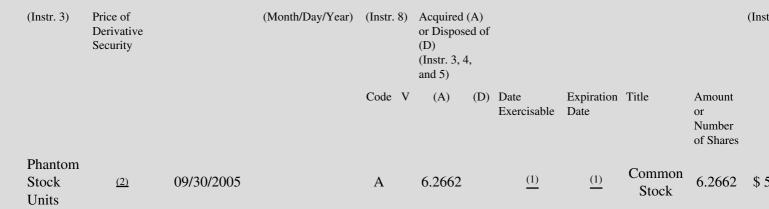
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

7. Title and Amount of 1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 8. Pı TransactionDerivative Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Conversion Deri (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Code Securities Secu any

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENNA R CARL				
TWO HOPKINS PLAZA	X			
BALTIMORE, MD 21201				

Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner p/a for R. Carl Benna 10/04/2005

**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) Acquired pursuant to the Issuer's Unfunded Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, and will be settled 100% in stock when the Reporting Person ceases to be a Director or at a later date to be determined by the Reporting Person.
- **(2)** 1 for 1

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