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MONARCH CASINO & RESORT INC Form 4 March 08, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **FARAHI BEN** Issuer Symbol **MONARCH CASINO & RESORT** (Check all applicable) INC [mcri] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director _X__ 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **MONARCH CASINO & RESORT** 03/06/2006 CFO INC, 1175 MOANA LANE SUITE 200 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **RENO. NV 89509** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (\mathbf{I}) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 03/06/2006 S \$27.64 D 10,000 D 2,572,690 stock Common 03/08/2006 S 5.500 D 2.572.690 D 27.6078 stock Common D 2,572,690 stock Trustee of Common 941,232 I the Jila stock Farahi

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Trust (1)

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. 5. | | 6. Date Exercisable and | | 7. Title and Amount of | |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber | | Expiration Date | | Underlying Securities | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | (Instr. 3 and | 4) 5 |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | | (|
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | |
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| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 11.685 | | | | | (2) | 10/21/2014 | Common stock | 100,000 |
| Option/right to buy | \$ 18.06 | | | | | (3) | 10/21/2015 | Common stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| r o | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| FARAHI BEN MONARCH CASINO & 1 1175 MOANA LANE SU RENO, NV 89509 | Х | Х | CFO | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |
| Ben Farahi | 03/08/2006 | | | | | |
| <u>**</u> 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) Mr. Ben Farahi owns an additional 941,232 shares of shared voting power common stock of Monarch Casino & Resort, Inc. ("Monarch") listed under the Jila Farahi Trust. Mr. Ben Farahi is a trustee of the Jila Farahi Trust. Jila Farahi is the sister of Ben Farahi but is not a

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director, officer or 10% owner of Monarch.

On October 21, 2004, Mr. Ben Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as
(2) amended, to purchase 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$11.685 per share. The shares vest as follows: 33,332 shares vested on October 21, 2005; 33,334 shares vest on October 21, 2006; 33,334 shares vest on October 21, 2007.

On October 21, 2005, Mr. Ben Farahi was granted an option pursuant to the Company's 1993 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan, as
(3) amended, to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$18.06 per share. All the options under this award vest on October 21, 2008.

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