FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| issuer that is in | le of equity securities of tended to satisfy the inse conditions of Rule Instruction 10. | the | | |
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| | ress of Reporting Pers | son* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
| Puntillo An | <u>thony</u> | | Finward Bancorp [FNWD] | X Director 10% Owner |
| (Last) | (First) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/11/2025 | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) |
| 9204 COLUM | BIA AVENUE | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |
| (Ctroot) | | | — | X Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| (Street) MUNSTER | IN | 46321 | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | 114 | 70321 | | |
| (Citv) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

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 | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|-------|--|---|------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/11/2025 | | A | | 434 | A | \$27.63 | 1,926.8942 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 3,378 | I | Trustee |

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 | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transac Code (Ir 8) | str. | Derivat Securit Acquire or Disp | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------|------|--|--|---------------------|--|-------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Timothy Artus

07/11/2025

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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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