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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|] | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to salisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KRUPINSKI KENNETH V | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Finward Bancorp</u> [FNWD] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/30/2024 | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) |
| 9204 COLUMBIA AVENUE (Street) MUNSTER IN 46321 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (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) | | | | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| FNWD | 07/30/2024 | | S | | 736 | D | \$28.42 | 264 | Ι | 401K |
| FNWD | | | | | | | | 11,876 | D | |

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. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | Derivative | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Timothy Artus

** Signature of Reporting Person

08/20/2024

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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