

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HARVEY WILLIAM W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 LIBERTY STREET
 (Street)

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/15/2016

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)
 Sr. EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Price		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	11/15/2016		X		9,286 A \$ 12.12	143,158	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	11/15/2016		S		9,286 D \$ 17.7459	133,872	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	11/15/2016		M		12,937 A \$ 7.48	146,809	D
Northwest Bancshares,	11/15/2016		F		5,410 D \$ 17.89	141,399	D

Inc.			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	686	I	IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	686	I	Wife's IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	30,677.42 <u>(2)</u>	I	401-K

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.12	11/15/2016		X	9,286	01/19/2012 01/19/2018	Common Stock	13,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.48	11/15/2016		M	12,937	02/18/2010 02/18/2019	Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	12,937

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARVEY WILLIAM W			Sr. EVP & CFO	

100 LIBERTY STREET
WARREN, PA 16365

Signatures

William W.
Harvey, Jr.

11/16/2016

 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) Average price of 11 lots with a high of \$17.77 and a low of \$17.725.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Constructively exchanged 5,410 shares in order to exercise 12,937 stock options. The number of shares issued was 7,527.

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