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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BOWIE ARVELIA**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

TORCHMARK

CORPORATION, 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2017

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

below) VP & Dir. of Human Resources

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date 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

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

MCKINNEY, TX 75070

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (D) Price

\$0

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 02/21/2017 Stock

Code V Amount A 1,066 Α

1,066

Thrift Plan

Common Stock

528 (1)

I

D

Trust

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 77.26	02/21/2017		A	18,000	<u>(2)</u>	02/21/2024	Common Stock	18,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOWIE ARVELIA TORCHMARK CORPORATION 3700 SOUTH STONEBRIDGE DRIVE MCKINNEY, TX 75070

VP & Dir. of Human Resources

Signatures

Arvelia Bowie, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

02/23/2017

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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) Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$77.26 per share.
- (2) First exercisable as to 50% of shares 2-21-19 and as to remaining 50% of shares 2-21-20.

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