

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
WAGNER WILLIAM J

(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)

08/23/2016

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)

President & CEO

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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      | 08/23/2016                           | 08/23/2016   | M                              |   | 21,374  | A  | \$ 11.51  |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      | 08/23/2016                           | 08/23/2016   | F                              |   | 16,101  | D  | \$ 15.28  |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 170,991.61  |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 4,762   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | Wife  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | IRA   |

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|----------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|
| Inc.                       |                   |   |               |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 5,840             | I | Wife's IRA    |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 3,406.92          | I | Trust For Son |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 204,629.11<br>(2) | I | 401-K         |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 38,424.99 (3)     | I | ESOP          |

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 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)               | \$ 11.51   | 08/23/2016                           | 08/23/2016   | M                              | 21,374  | 01/17/2008   | 01/17/2017  | Common Stock               | 21,374 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| WAGNER WILLIAM J<br>100 LIBERTY STREET<br>WARREN, PA 16365 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

William J.  
Wagner

08/25/2016

\_\_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) Constructively exchanged 16,101 shares in order to exercise 21,374 stock options. Stock in the amount of 5,273 was issued.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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