FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Sanford Cassandra R | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [BUSE] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Report (Check all applicable) X Director | | | ting Pe | . , | Issuer Owner |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|---|-----|--|-------|--------------------|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|-----------------|
| (Last) | (Fir | , | Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2024 | | | | | | | | | Office below | er (give title | e | Other below | (specify | |
| 100 W. U | JNIVERSI | TY AVENUE | | | 4. If A | 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 | | | | | | |
| (Street) CHAMP | AIGN IL | 6 | 51820 | | | | | | | | | | | Λ | | filed by M | | • | |
| (City) | (St | ate) (2 | Zip) | | Rul | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | | | on | | | | | | |
| | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | tended to | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | y/Year) Execution | | ution D | emed tion Date, n/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | Form: | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | Pric | :e | Transact (Instr. 3 | ion(s) | | | (111501.4) |
| Common | Common Stock 01/26/2 | | | 01/26/2 | 024 | | | A | | 52(1) | A | \$ | <mark>0</mark> | 5,326 | | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,0 | 000 | | I | Cassandra R Sanford Living Trust, CR Sanford, Trustee | |
| | | Та | ble II - | | | | | | | | osed of, convertib | | | | Owne | t | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | if any | | 4. Transa | 5. Number of Derivative | | | options, convertible securi 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ir 3 and 4) | | | e and nt of ities lying ative ity (Insti | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | r | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents dividend equivalent rights accrued on Deferred Stock Units in conjunction with the payment of a cash dividend on First Busey Corporation Stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of First Busey Corporation Stock.

Remarks:

/s/ Catherine Alqallaf, attorney-in-fact

01/30/2024

** 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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