

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SMELKO MICHAEL G**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**04/23/2014**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec. V.P., Chief Credit Off.

**WARREN, PA 16365**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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.	04/23/2014	04/23/2014	X	2,790 A \$ 11.33	45,427	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	04/23/2014	04/23/2014	X	1,687 A \$ 10.19	47,114	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	04/23/2014	04/23/2014	S	3,400 D \$ 14.5601	43,714	D	
Northwest Bancshares,					1,019	I	Wife's IRA

Inc.			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	4,964.588 <u>(1)</u>	I	401-K
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,306.7649 <u>(2)</u>	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.33	04/23/2014	04/23/2014	X	2,790	12/15/2005 12/15/2014	Common Stock	2,790	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.19	04/23/2014	04/23/2014	X	1,687	01/19/2006 01/19/2015	Common Stock	1,687	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.86					01/18/2007 01/18/2016	Common Stock	2,812	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51					01/17/2008 01/17/2017	Common Stock	10,125	
Stock Options	\$ 11.12					01/16/2009 01/16/2018	Common Stock	10,125	

(Right to Buy)						
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.79		11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.48		02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Common Stock	10,125
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.49		01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Common Stock	13,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.12		01/19/2012	01/19/2021	Common Stock	13,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.32		05/18/2012	05/18/2021	Common Stock	52,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.7		05/23/2013	05/23/2022	Common Stock	12,480
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.44		05/15/2014	05/15/2023	Common Stock	12,480

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMELKO MICHAEL G 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365			Exec. V.P., Chief Credit Off.	

## Signatures

Michael G. Smelko 04/24/2014

\*\*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) Reflects transactions that are not reportable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Reflects transactions that are not reportable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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