

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

July 13, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP
/OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4000 SMITH RD., SUITE 400

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/10/2009

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45209

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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 (A) or (D)	Price		
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	07/10/2009		P		359	A \$ 7.7963	3,351 D	
Common Stock							2,106.8305 D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock							1,581.8441 I ⁽¹⁾	K.p. Properties
Common Stock							3,175.0857 I	Restricted Stock Award ⁽¹⁾

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Common Stock (David & Susan Knust Living Trust)	2,000	D
Common Stock (David Knust FFB Trust)	3,000	D
Common Stock (Susan Knust Agency Trust)	525	D
Common Stock (Susan Knust FFB Trust)	3,000	D

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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2005	\$ 17.08					04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common	8,663

(NQ)
 Sock
 Option

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L 4000 SMITH RD. SUITE 400 CINCINNATI, OH 45209	X

Signatures

/s/Terri J 07/13/2009
 Ziepfel, POA

 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Includes shares in dividend reinvestment account

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