

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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FORM 4

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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 *
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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)
300 HIGH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2007

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
EVP-Banking

HAMILTON, OH 45011
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/19/2007		M		4,193	A	\$ 11.1355	10,926.9689	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2007		F		2,885	D	\$ 16.18	8,041.9689	D	
Common Stock	01/21/2007		J ⁽¹⁾		799	A	\$ 16.18	8,840.9689	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2007		J ⁽²⁾		2,744.7189	A	\$ 0	27,373.6512	I	401-K
Common Stock								451.1061	I	Joint w/Spouse

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Common Stock	01/21/2007	J ⁽³⁾	1,250	D	\$ 0	9,178.4665	I	Restricted
Common Stock	01/24/2007	J ⁽⁴⁾	494.214	A	\$ 0	9,672.6805	I	Restricted
Common Stock						109.6394	I	Spouse/Son Custodial Account

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
1997 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 11.1355	01/19/2007		M	4,193	01/28/1998 01/28/2007	Common Stock	4,193	
1998 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 19.097					01/27/1999 01/27/2008	Common Stock	5,238	
1998 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 19.087					01/27/1999 01/27/2008	Common Stock	2,386	
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000 01/25/2009	Common Stock	4,201	
1999 (NQ)	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000 01/25/2009	Common Stock	4,461	

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Stock Option						
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56		01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	5,694
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.56		01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	9,426
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124		01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	6,244
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124		01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	1,631
2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2		01/17/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58		01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	5,000
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09		01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51		04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.51		04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	6,289
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02		04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242
2006 (NQ) Stock	\$ 16.02		04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	10,658

Option

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
munafo samuel j 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011			EVP-Banking	

Signatures

terri j ziepfel	01/24/2007
**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) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award (less shares sold to cover taxes)
 - (3) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
 - (2) Update per Statement
 - (4) Update of shares held in Dividend Reinvestment Account

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