

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2015

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2015

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

31-1042001  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification number)

Commission file number: 001-34762

255 East Fifth Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 322-9530

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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First Financial Bancorp.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Today First Financial Bancorp. (“the Company”) announced that effective December 31, 2015, Kevin T. Langford, President, Community Banking for the western region of First Financial Bank, N.A., will leave the Company to pursue other interests. It is anticipated that Mr. Langford will remain an employee of the Company until December (b)31, 2015 and assist in the transition until his departure. It is expected that Mr. Langford will receive certain compensation and benefits in accordance with the terms of his Severance and Change in Control Agreement dated November 1, 2013 (“Severance Agreement”), subject to Mr. Langford’s execution and non-revocation of a general release as provided by the Severance Agreement.

Mr. Langford’s departure is unrelated to the Company’s financial condition, financial reporting practices or any disagreement with the Company.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ John M. Gavigan  
John M. Gavigan  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 26, 2015