FIRST BANCTRUST CORP

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOWARD TERRY J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCTRUST CORP [FBTC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 101 SOUTH	(First)	(Middle) AVENUE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2007	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
PARIS, IL 61944				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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)	
Common Stock	08/21/2007		P P	Amount 200	(D)	Price \$ 11.06	10,500	I	IRA	
Common Stock							30,078	D		
Common Stock							4,000	I	Wife's IRA	
Common Stock							28,296	I	401(k)	
Common Stock							10,006	I	ESOP	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date		Number	
									of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOWARD TERRY J

101 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE X President and CEO

PARIS, IL 61944

Signatures

Timothy E. Kraepel,
Attorney-in-Fact
08/27/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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