

HOWARD TERRY J
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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 *
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) (First) (Middle)
101 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/03/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

PARIS, IL 61944
(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	09/03/2008		P	V	300	A \$ 9 12,000	D	
Common Stock						28,007	D	
Common Stock						4,000	I	Wife's IRA
Common Stock						28,888	I	401 (k)
Common Stock						11,167	I	ESOP

