

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

April 09, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Porter, Barry S.
385 Oliver Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
282-32-9070
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
04/08/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock					16109
Common Stock					0
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	04/08/2003		P	193 A \$16.4725	2440

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.	
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of	Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execu- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code V (A) (D)	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed (D) Date Exer- cisable (Month/Day/Year)	Date Exer- cisable (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares
1997 (NQ) Stock Option	\$13.148						04/22/2007	Common Stock

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2000 (NQ) \$16.9048
Stock
Option

04/25/2010 Common
Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE

04/09/2003