

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
POSEY STEVEN C

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)  
60B S. AMERICAN WAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/26/2005

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

MONROE, OH 45050  
(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 or 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				(A) or (D) Price	131	D	
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)				(A) or (D) Price	3,892	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	6,668	I	IRA
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	3,180	I	Trust
				(A) or (D) Price	38,077	I	

Common  
Stock

Trust(TEAZAK  
LTD)

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 (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
1997 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 13.148					04/22/1998 04/22/2007	Common Stock	6,195
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 20.671					04/22/2000 04/22/2009	Common Stock	8,663
2002 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 18.84					04/23/2003 04/23/2012	Common Stock	8,663
2005 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.08	04/26/2005		A	8,663	04/26/2006 04/26/2015	Common Stock	8,663

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X			

POSEY STEVEN C  
60B S. AMERICAN WAY  
MONROE, OH 45050

## Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel

05/02/2005

  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).

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