

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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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 *
MURRELL III C THOMAS

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/14/2005

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

10946 ALLENHURST BLVD.,
EAST

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45241

(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. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 11/14/2005 | | S | | 110 | D | |
| | | | | | \$ 18.91 | | |
| Common Stock | 11/14/2005 | | S | | 90 | D | |
| | | | | | \$ 18.92 | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 457.8072 | I | 401K |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,376 | I | Restricted Stock Awards |

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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 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 Acquired (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. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2001 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 15.37 | | | | | 04/30/2002 | 04/30/2011 | Common Stock | 6,506 |
| 2001 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 15.37 | | | | | 04/30/2002 | 04/30/2011 | Common Stock | 994 |
| 2002 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 17.2 | | | | | 01/17/2003 | 01/17/2012 | Common Stock | 5,813 |
| 2002 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 17.2 | | | | | 01/17/2003 | 01/17/2012 | Common Stock | 4,187 |
| 2003 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 16.58 | | | | | 01/22/2004 | 01/22/2013 | Common Stock | 6,031 |
| 2003 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 16.58 | | | | | 01/22/2004 | 01/22/2013 | Common Stock | 3,969 |

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|----------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| 2004 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 17.09 | 01/21/2005 | 01/21/2014 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| 2005 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 17.51 | 04/18/2006 | 04/18/2015 | Common Stock | 5,711 |
| 2005 (NQ) Sock Option | \$ 17.51 | 04/18/2006 | 04/18/2005 | Common Stock | 8,189 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MURRELL III C THOMAS 10946 ALLENHURST BLVD., EAST CINCINNATI, OH 45241 | | | Executive Officer | |

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel 12/06/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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