

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS

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)

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/10/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President - Community Banking

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ 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. 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 03/10/2016 | | D | (A) or (D) 3,825 (1) \$ 17.85 | 22,487 | I | Restricted Award |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2016 | | A | (A) or (D) 2,564 (2) \$ 17.85 | 49,268 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 16,858.2799 | I | 401-k |
| Common Stock | | | | | 11,278 | I | Restricted-P |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 2006 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 16.02 | | | | | 04/24/2007 04/24/2016 | Common Stock | 6,242 |
| 2006 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 16.02 | | | | | 04/24/2007 04/24/2016 | Common Stock | 19,258 |
| 2007 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | | | | | 04/30/2008 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 6,711 |
| 2007 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | | | | | 04/30/2008 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 21,489 |
| 2008 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 11.64 | | | | | 02/14/2009 04/14/2018 | Common Stock | 38,409 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS
255 EAST FIFTH STREET
SUITE 2900
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

President - Community Banking

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

03/11/2016

__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).

(1) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award

(2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used for taxes.

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