

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 \*  
**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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President - Community Banking**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/15/2016**

**CINCINNATI, OH 45202**

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	03/15/2016		S	D	8,416	\$ 18.2896	40,852	D
Common Stock	03/15/2016		X	A	545	\$ 18.23	41,397	D
Common Stock	03/15/2016		X	A	1,614	\$ 18.23	43,011	D
Common Stock							16,858.2799	I
							22,487	I
								401-k

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Common Stock							Restricted Award
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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	03/15/2016		F	5,697	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	5,697
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	03/15/2016		X	545	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	545
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	03/15/2016		F	17,644	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	17,644
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	03/15/2016		X	1,614	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	1,614
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007 (NQ)	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	21,489

Stock  
Option  
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

03/16/2016

\*\*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) The price reported is an average price. The prices ranged from \$18.28 to \$18.31 per share.

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