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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * kramer william j

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP

(Check all applicable)

/OH/ [FFBC]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 04/17/2018

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price 27,201.2494

Common Stock

04/17/2018

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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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
kramer william j 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X						

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. 04/19/2018 Meents, POA **Signature of Reporting Date Person

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).

In addition to the purchase of stock, the balance of shares owned has been adjusted to include all directly-owned common stock, including (1) FFBC Directors Fee Stock Plan shares (previously reported separately) and restricted shares (previously reported as indirectly held). Balance of shares also includes dividend reinvestment account shares per statement dated 3/31/2018.

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