

FIRST BANCORP /NC/
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FORM 4

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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 *
PERKINS GEORGE R JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/28/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/28/2008		M	2,250 A \$ 14.6667	484,822.9782	D	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	S (1			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.5553						06/01/1996	06/01/2006	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.5						06/01/2000	06/01/2010	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.1113						06/01/1999	06/01/2009	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.3667						06/01/2002	06/01/2012	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16						06/01/2001	06/01/2011	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3						06/01/2003	06/01/2013	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.61						06/01/2007	06/01/2017	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.6867						06/01/2004	06/01/2014	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.83						06/01/2006	06/01/2016	Common Stock	2,250

Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.12					06/28/2005	06/28/2015	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.6667	03/28/2008		M	2,250	06/01/1998	06/01/2008	Common Stock	2,250 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PERKINS GEORGE R JR				X

Signatures

Timothy S. Maples, Attorney-in-Fact	03/28/2008
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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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