

Odell Lawrence
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Odell Lawrence

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 9146

(Street)

SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST BANCORP /PR/ [FBP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2017

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)
 EVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
First BanCorp Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share.	12/20/2017		A	901 <u>(1)</u> A	\$ 5.12 <u>(1)</u> 218,470	D	
First BanCorp Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share.	12/20/2017		F	274 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 5.12 <u>(1)</u> 218,196 <u>(2)</u>	D	

First
BanCorp
Common
Stock, par
value \$0.10
per share.

1,333 ⁽²⁾

I

Through
401K plan

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Odell Lawrence P.O. BOX 9146 SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146			EVP and General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/Lawrence
Odell 12/22/2017

**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).

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- Salary stock issued bi-weekly as a portion of the reporting person's salary compensation under the First BanCorp Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended. Salary stock is fully vested on the date of grant. The number of shares represented by this award was determined by dividing the dollar value of the award granted to the reporting person by \$5.12 (the closing price of the Issuer's common stock as quoted on the NYSE on December 20, 2017, the last trading day of the pay period). The shares reported as disposed of were withheld for taxes.
- (1)
 - (2) 1,333 shares were acquired for the benefit of the reporting person's children.

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