

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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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)  
300 HIGH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-Banking

HAMILTON, OH 45011  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/14/2008		J(1)		3,977.8838	D	\$ 0 5,662.0851
Common Stock	02/14/2008		J(2)		2,784.7618	A	\$ 0 30,158.413
Common Stock	02/14/2008		J(3)		21,536	A	\$ 0 21,536
Common Stock	02/14/2008		J(3)		2,909	A	\$ 0 2,909
Common Stock	02/14/2008		J(4)		43.6838	A	\$ 0 494.7899

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Common Stock	02/14/2008		<u>J</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	505	A	\$ 0	505	I	Jt With Son/Brokerage Account
Common Stock	02/14/2008		A	4,300	A	\$ 0	17,472.6805	I	Restricted
Common Stock	02/14/2008		<u>J</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	392.2713	A	\$ 0	17,864.9518	I	Restricted
Common Stock	02/14/2008		<u>J</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	7.3188	A	\$ 0	116.9582	I	Spouse/Son Custodial Account

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
1998 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 19.097					01/27/1999	01/27/2008	Common Stock	5,238
1998 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 19.087					01/27/1999	01/27/2008	Common Stock	2,386
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	4,201
1999 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	4,461

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2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56	01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	5,694
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.56	01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	9,426
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124	01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	6,244
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124	01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	1,631
2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2	01/17/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58	01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	5,000
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09	01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	6,289
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	10,658
	\$ 14.9	04/30/2008	04/30/2017		6,711

2007 (ISO) Stock Option								Common Stock	
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	12,889
2008 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/14/2008		A	8,591	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	8,591
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/14/2008		A	41,909	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	41,909

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
munafo samuel j 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011			EVP-Banking	

## Signatures

terri j ziepfel                      02/18/2008  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting 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).
- (2) Annual update per statement
- (3) Update of Shares Held in Brokerage Account
- (1) Update per Statement
- (4) Update of shares held in Dividend Reinvestment Account

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