

FIRST AMERICAN CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 09, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) October 5, 2009**

**THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION**

**(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**California**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**

**of Incorporation)**

**001-13585**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**95-1068610**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92707-5913**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (714) 250-3000**

**Not Applicable.**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 5, 2009, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of The First American Corporation (the Company) approved the reinstatement of the annual base salary of Dennis J. Gilmore, chief executive officer of the Company's financial services company, to \$650,000. Mr. Gilmore's salary was reduced by ten percent as part of the Company's cost reduction efforts on April 1, 2008. The reinstatement is effective October 11, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

Date: October 9, 2009

By: /s/ Kenneth D. DeGiorgio  
Name: Kenneth D. DeGiorgio  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel