

SCHAEFER GEORGE A JR  
 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 \*  
 SCHAEFER GEORGE A JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/15/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

CINCINNATI, OH 45263

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(3)		2,732	D	①	62,179	I	by Trusts (3)
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(3)		2,732	A	①	679,241.6918	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(4)		2,732	D	①	62,179	I	by Trusts (4)
Common Stock	03/15/2005		J(1)(4)		2,732	A	①	39,243	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	03/16/2005		J(2)(3)		420	D	②	61,759	I	by Trusts (3)
	03/16/2005		J(2)(4)		420	D	②	61,759	I	



## 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).

The reporting person and his spouse have each established a series of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts (GRATs) in connection with their tax and estate planning. On March 15, 2005 those GRATs transferred shares back to the reporting person and his spouse in an annuity payment.

(1) On March 16, 2005 one GRAT of which the Reporting person is a beneficiary and one GRAT of which the Reporting person's spouse is a beneficiary each transferred its remaining shares to the holders of the GRAT's remainder interests on such GRAT's expiration.

(2) Transfer from various GRATs of which the Reporting person is a beneficiary.

(3) Transfer from various GRATs of which the Reporting person's spouse is a beneficiary.

(4) A family limited partnership of which the reporting person and his spouse are the only partners.

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