

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
 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 \*  
 SPARKS RAY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/19/2005

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

MATTOON, IL 61938  
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/19/2005		G <sup>(2)</sup>	270 A \$ 40.25	6,000	I	By Wife
Common Stock	09/19/2005		G <sup>(1)</sup>	270 D \$ 40.25	5,730	I	By Wife
Common Stock					57,682	I	By Sparks Investment Group
Common Stock	09/19/2005		G <sup>(2)</sup>	4,040 D \$ 40.25	103,308	D	
Common Stock					12,002.034	I	By Deferred Comp

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Common Stock	09/19/2005	G <sup>(2)</sup>	270	A	\$ 40.25	945	I	By Child
Common Stock	09/19/2005	G <sup>(1)</sup>	270	A	\$ 40.25	1,215	I	By Child
Common Stock	09/19/2005	G <sup>(2)</sup>	3,500	A	\$ 40.25	6,100	I	By The Sparks Foundation

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 41					Date Exercisable: 12/14/2004 Expiration Date: 12/14/2014	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 2,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPARKS RAY A 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD MATTOON, IL 61938		X		

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed 09/06/2002

09/20/2005

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).

(1) On September 19, 2005 Debra Sparks gifted 270 shares of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares common stock to her minor child.

(2) On September 19, 2005 Ray Sparks gifted 3,500 shares of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares common stock to The Sparks Foundation: 270 shares to his minor child and 270 shares to his wife.

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