

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 \*  
 SWIFT ROBERT J

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)  
 6807 N COUNTRY CLUB ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/29/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP for Trust

MATTOON, IL 61938

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/28/2005		P	V 34.322 A \$ 40.99	921.734	I	By 401K
Common Stock	03/11/2005		P	V 0.89 A \$ 40.24	922.624	I	By 401K
Common Stock	04/27/2005		P	V 0.479 A \$ 40.16	923.103	I	By 401K
Common Stock	05/18/2005		P	V 21.47 A \$ 40.22	944.573	I	By 401K
Common Stock	05/31/2005		P	V 0.217 A \$ 40.5	944.79	I	By 401K

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Common Stock	06/14/2005	P	V	4.899	A	\$ 40.74	949.689	I	By 401K
Common Stock	06/14/2005	P	V	0.546	A	\$ 40.67	950.235	I	By 401K
Common Stock	06/21/2005	J <sup>(4)</sup>	V	7.862	A	\$ 40.75	958.097	I	By 401K
Common Stock	07/07/2005	P	V	2.201	A	\$ 40.58	960.298	I	By 401K
Common Stock	08/16/2005	P	V	17.078	A	\$ 40.26	977.376	I	By 401K
Common Stock	08/17/2005	S	V	0.347	D	\$ 40.5	977.029	I	By 401K
Common Stock	09/22/2005	P	V	7.587	A	\$ 41.71	984.616	I	By 401K
Common Stock	09/23/2005	P	V	0.247	A	\$ 41.94	984.863	I	By 401K
Common Stock	11/18/2005	P	V	13.926	A	\$ 40.5	998.789	I	By 401K
Common Stock	11/22/2005	P	V	16.417	A	\$ 40.25	1,015.206	I	By 401K
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	V	12.355	A	\$ 41.07	1,027.561	I	By 401K
Common Stock							1,317.556	I	By Deferred Comp

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)
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		Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 16					01/01/2006	12/18/2011	Common Stock	843.75
Stock Options	\$ 18.17					01/01/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2012	Common Stock	1,687.5
Stock Options	\$ 31					01/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/16/2013	Common Stock	2,531.25
Stock Options	\$ 41					01/01/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2014	Common Stock	3,375

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWIFT ROBERT J 6807 N COUNTRY CLUB ROAD MATTOON, IL 61938				EVP for Trust

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed on 11/1/2002. 12/29/2005

\_\_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) Options become exercisable in 2 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2006.

(2) Options become exercisable in 3 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2006.

(3) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 1/1/2006.

(4) Shares acquired through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan with dividends being paid on shares of common stock held.

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