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Form 4

January 07, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Posey, Steven C.
 McDonald's Office
 1733 S. Breiel
 Middletown, OH 45044
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 289-42-9794
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
 01/06/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount or Number of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report
Common Stock					1594
Common Stock					1716
Common Stock					5295
Common Stock					1366
Common Stock					48077
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	01/06/2003		P	145	A \$17.0985 2247

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Derivative Security	3. (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	5. Disposed (D) or Acquired (A)	6. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed (D)	7. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	Amount or Number of Shares
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1997 (NQ)	\$13.148	04/22/2007	Common
Stock			Stock
Option			
2000 (NQ)	\$20.671	04/22/2009	Common
Stock			Stock
Option			
2002 (NQ)	\$18.84	04/23/2012	Common
Stock			Stock
Option			

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE
01/07/2003