

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

February 27, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Moriarty, Brian D.
183 Compton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
155-32-9848
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
02/25/2003
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)
Executive Officer
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. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock	02/25/2003		M	437 A \$11.3019	
Common Stock	02/25/2003		M	2795 A \$11.1355	
Common Stock	02/25/2003		F	-2261 D \$15.9400	27577
Common Stock	02/25/2003		J	-3376.5224 D \$0.0000	110.47