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Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP
/OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
300 HIGH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/24/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP & CCO

HAMILTON, OH 45011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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					20,269	D	
Common Stock					1,420.74	I	401-K
Common Stock	04/24/2006		A		2,700	A	\$ 0 9,397
						I	Restricted

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. D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock
2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2					01/12/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58					01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock
2004 (ISO)	\$ 17.09					01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock

Stock
Option

2005

(ISO)

Stock

Option

\$ 17.51

04/18/2006

04/18/2015

Common
Stock

5,711

2005

(NQ)

Stock

Option

\$ 17.51

04/18/2006

04/18/2015

Common
Stock

4,889

2006

(NQ)

Stock

Option

\$ 16.02

04/24/2006

A

6,242

04/24/2007

04/24/2016

Common
Stock

6,242

2006

(NQ)

Stock

Option

\$ 16.02

04/24/2006

A

9,858

04/24/2007

04/24/2016

Common
Stock

9,858

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

terri j ziepfel 04/25/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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