SKILLING DAVID VAN
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SKILLING DAVID VAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY

(Street)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST AMERICAN CORP [FAF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/06/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 (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	03/06/2009		M		6,750	A	$ 17.25	28,524	D (1) (2) (3)	

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 Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sh
Nonemployee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 17.25	03/06/2009		M			6,750	08/31/1999(4)	06/23/2009	Common Stock	6
Nonemployee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 47.49							12/08/2006(5)	12/08/2015	Common Stock	5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SKILLING DAVID VAN 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707	X			

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney-in-Fact for David Van Skilling	03/09/2009
**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) Includes 2,489 shares acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 3/4/10, the first anniversary of the grant.

(2) Includes 1,755 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 1,707 restricted stock units vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 6/20/09, the first anniversary of the grant.

(3) Includes 370 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 1,049 restricted stock units vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 3/5/08, the first anniversary of the grant.

(4) The option vested in five equal annual increments commencing 8/31/99, the first anniversary of the grant.

(5) The option vested 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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