

FIRST AMERICAN CORP
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SANDO BARRY M
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President-Mortgage Info Segmnt

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

| 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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 7,141 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 3,188.642 | I | By 401(k) Plan Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 610.079 | I | By ESOP Trust (2) |

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) | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Director Stock (right to buy) | \$ 23.583 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 04/23/1999 ⁽³⁾ | 04/23/2008 | Common Stock | 22,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.75 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/24/2001 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/24/2010 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 12/14/2001 ⁽⁵⁾ | 12/14/2010 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.08 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 12/13/2002 ⁽⁶⁾ | 12/13/2011 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.5 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 07/23/2003 ⁽⁷⁾ | 07/23/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.85 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/27/2004 ⁽⁸⁾ | 02/27/2013 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

